

THE NEWS BY WIRE

To-Day's Happenings All Over the Country.

PATENT ATTORNEYS

GREELY INTRODUCES A BILL TO REGULATE THEIR APPLICATIONS

Must Show Good Character And be Possessed of Requisite Qualifications To Help The Service.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Washington, Jan. 11.—Assistant Commissioner Greely, of the Patent Office, has prepared a draft of a bill which will be introduced in Congress, governing the recognition of agents, attorneys and other persons representing applicants for patents before the Patent Office. It gives authority to the commissioner to require persons desiring to practice to show that they have a good reputation and are possessed of the requisite qualifications to enable them to render applications valuable to the service.

CAPRILLES STILL IN CUBA.

Santiago Citizens' Petition for His Return Was Favorably Considered.
By Telegraph to The Times.
Havana, Jan. 11.—Senator Capriles, former Autonomous Governor of Santiago de Cuba, who was to have sailed for Spain yesterday, postponed his departure at the last moment. Later today it became known that a committee from Santiago requested Blanco to appoint Capriles Governor of that province and that the request was granted. Six hundred sick invalid soldiers embarked for Spain to-day.

THE VERDICT TO-NIGHT.

In Count Esterhazy's Court-Martial Sensational Revelations are Made.
By Telegraph to The Times.
Paris, Jan. 11.—The proceedings of the second day of the court-martial of Count Esterhazy are secret. Col. Picquart continued his testimony, and it is reported that there was great excitement in the court when Col. Picquart was confronted with Gen. Gonz, the sub-chief general of staff. It is alleged that Picquart made revelations of exceptional gravity. The verdict is expected to be rendered to-night.

HOHENLORE'S ADDRESS.

Confined to Internal Affairs—Nothing of International Interest.
By Telegraph to The Times.
Berlin, Jan. 11.—The Session of Prussian Diet opened to-day with a speech from the throne read by Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor. The address was confined to internal affairs and is devoid of international interest.

MORGAN GOES TO EUROPE.

His Wife Has Seal Skins Registered at Custom House.
By Telegraph to The Times.
New York, Jan. 11.—J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., will sail with his wife for Europe to-morrow to join his father in business affairs. His wife has seal-skins registered at the custom house.

WOOLEN MILLS BURNED.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Lisbon, Ohio, Jan. 11.—The Lisbon woolen mills were burned, last night. Fifty thousand dollars loss. The insurance was twenty thousand.

RAISED RATE OF DISCOUNT.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Calcutta, Jan. 11.—The Bank of Bengal to-day raised its rate of discount from ten to eleven per cent.

A PUBLIC MUSEUM.

By Telegraph to The Times.
London, Jan. 11.—Queen Victoria has decided to convert the old palace at Kew, near the Botanic Gardens, into a public museum.

WAGES TO BE REDUCED.

Pawtucket, R.I., Jan. 10.—The employees of the Lonsdale Company, aside from the mule spinners, were notified to-day of a reduction in wages, to take effect next Monday. The cut in wages was in nearly every case a surprise. No strike is anticipated in the mills of the Lonsdale Company.

A CLAIM FOR \$5,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Messrs. Dittenhofer, Lauterbach & Limburger, counsel for Dr. Cornelius Herz, to-day appeared before Solicitor Penfield at the State Department and presented a claim for the sum of \$5,000,000 against the French government for an alleged illegal attempt to prosaecute Dr. Herz.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Hadley A. Sutherland, the negro murderer, was successfully electrocuted to-day. Seventeen hundred and eighty volts were turned on at 11:19 and turned off at 11:23 a. m.

MRS. NACK IS HUFFY

SCREAMING LIKE A BABY AND MAKING ALL KINDS OF THREATS

Insulting all who Come Near--Says Her Good Behavior Won't Begin until She is in Prison.

By Telegraph to The Times.
New York, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Nack is in different mood to-day and is insulting all who come near her. She is screaming like a baby and making all kinds of threats.
She feels now as if she can act as she pleases and says people have done all that they can to her. She says her good behavior don't commence until she is in Auburn prison.

DARK FOUR HUNDRED'S BALL.

Robert Lawrence, the Floor Manager, Gets Caught in the Mayor's Trap.

There were no cases before the Mayor for trial this morning, but shortly after the hour for court a young negro, dressed in a flashy check suit, with black and white striped shirt, red cuffs and a black collar four inches high and a colored necktie streaming from his throat-let entered.
"Mr. Mayor," said the Ward McAllister of the Bowery, "is Mr. Mat. Thompson here?"
"Mr. Thompson is here and asleep," replied His Honor.
"Well, Mr. Mayor, you see 'twas this way. They had a ball last night at the Vineyard, and I hear Mr. Thompson got me on his papers for being present," said the sport.
"What's your name?" asked Mayor Russ.
"Robert Lawrence," said the darkey, in a tone which implied that even the Mayor, with such a wide acquaintance among the Bowery toughs, argued himself unknown.

"Oh, yes, Robert Lawrence and Ed. Brinkley. Robert, you go down stairs in the station house and ask if they've a warrant for you."
So Robert walked down stairs, and it is to be presumed that he queried the right official, for friends looking for him an hour later said he had been talking "business" in the guard house for some little while, and would, in the Mayor's Court to-morrow, probably give an account of the ball last night given by the "Dark Four Hundred."

MYATT & HUNTER'S FIRE

Lamp Came Near Setting Building Ablaze—Fire Quickly Extinguished.

An alarm of fire was sent in this morning at 9:35 from Box 21, on the corner of Wilmington and Martin streets.
In the wholesale and retail establishment of Myatt & Hunter, No. 17 East Martin street, Mr. W. H. Hood knocked a lighted lamp over and the oil flamed from the floor to the ceiling for several minutes.
The fire was extinguished before an engine arrived. The hook and ladder was first, the Capital Hose Reel second and the Rescue never arrived, as the horses were out doing work for the city. But for quick action on the part of those present there would have been a great fire.

TELEPHONE COMPANY APPEALS

The Bell Telephone Company has notified the Railroad Commission that it will appeal from the new rates fixed for it last February by the Commission. If the rates are founded on the testimony and facts brought out in the investigation made by the old commission, the same exception filed with the old commissioners before the case was stricken from the docket, will be filed. If the rate is an arbitrary one, new exceptions will be filed.

POLK MILLER COMING.

The potent attraction at the Metropolitan Opera House Wednesday night, January 12th, will be the Miller-Sisson-Wallace Company. Polk Miller, that prince of entertainers, assisted by jolly Oscar P. Sisson and Ester Wallace, form a trio of fun makers that are hard to equal and can't be beat in their respective lines.

W. F. GOERDES IN JAIL.

Charged With Attempting to Swindle a Firm Out of \$18,000.

New York, Jan. 10.—W. F. Goerdes, a member of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, of this city, is in jail to-night, charged with having attempted to swindle the firm of Wm. Hawley & Co., members of the Stock Exchange, out of \$18,000, by the means of a worthless check.
NO BAPTIST ALMANAC.
It appears that Rev. N. B. Cobb, D. D., will not issue the North Carolina Baptist Almanac this year. We do not know what Brother Cobb's plans are, but we ought to have an almanac, and it ought to pay its owner sufficiently to justify him in running it.—Recorder

HANCOCK'S LAWYERS

Prominent Counsel to Defend Him

BACKED BY FRIENDS

RALEIGH LAWYERS AMONG HIS LIST OF ATTORNEYS

Say He is Innocent--The Complaint as Filed Late Yesterday Afternoon--Mr. Simmons Talks.

The Times yesterday gave to the public the news of President Robert Hancock's scandal in advance of any paper in the State.

The case will probably come up at the next term of Craven court, which will be held on February 7th. Judge George H. Brown will preside at that time and Solicitor Walter E. Daniel will prosecute, assisted by Miss Abbott's attorneys, Clark and Gulon and W. D. McIver.
Leon F. M. Simmons was seen this morning by a Times reporter and asked if he was counsel for President Hancock.
"The counsel," said Mr. Simmons, "will consist of the firms, Simmons, Pou and Ward, of Raleigh; Aycock and Daniels, and I think, Allen and Dortch, of Goldsboro."
"Is there anything of interest to the public that you would make known?" was asked.
"You may say," said Mr. Simmons, "that I have heard from a gentleman, who is now in Newbern and who has examined carefully into the case and he says he believes Mr. Hancock to be not guilty."
"This gentleman is a safe man, and I have the greatest confidence in his opinion."
"The case will come up at the February term, but will probably not be tried until the next term. I do not think it will be removed from Craven county."

COMPLAINT.

North Carolina—Superior Court of Craven County, February Term, 1898.

Elizabeth Abbott and Thomas H. Abbott, by his next friend, Elizabeth Abbott
Against
Robert Hancock.

"The plaintiffs, complaining of the defendant, allege:
"First, That the plaintiff, Elizabeth, is the mother and her copartner, Thos. H. Abbott, is the father of Annie May Abbott, who is under the age of twenty-one years and unmarried; and that the plaintiff, Thomas H. Abbott, is and has been for some time past insane, and is confined to the Government Hospital for the Insane, commonly known as 'St. Elizabeth Hospital,' and is without the jurisdiction of this court; and she, therefore, brings this action in behalf of herself, and the next friend of her said husband, the said Thomas H. Abbott."
"Second, That prior to the commencement of this action, the said Annie May, has been in the regular employ of the United States Government in the Revenue Marine Service, and since his said insanity has been continued on the regular pay-roll of said service, as the plaintiff is informed and believes."
"Third, That the defendant is the husband of the sister of the plaintiff, Thomas H. Abbott, and that during the month of April, 1897, the said defendant invited and procured the said Annie May Abbott to accompany him to Northern cities, in company with his wife, the aunt of the said Annie, and assuring her that he would return her to her parents, the plaintiffs, safe and well; that the wife of defendant failed to accompany them on their said trip, on account of ill health; and that while the said defendant upon threats that in the event of refusal, he would leave her in said city alone and without means and return home without her, procured the said Annie May to have illicit intercourse with him then and there knowing the Annie May to be the daughter of plaintiff, and wrongfully intending thereby to injure said plaintiffs to deprive them of the services of their said daughter; and did wilfully debauch and carnally know her, the said Annie May, against the will of plaintiff as plaintiffs are advised and informed by the said Annie May; and verily believe that thereafter in the city of Newbern, and at the house of the defendant he, by threats of exposing her for the act of illicit intercourse committed with him, as aforesaid, and wrongfully intending to injure plaintiffs and deprive them of

BANK DIVIDENDS

Raleigh Bank Officials Elected To-day

FIRM AND STAUNCH

HANDSOME DIVIDENDS DECLARED BY EACH INSTITUTION THIS MORNING.

Raleigh Banks Unsurpassed in The Country--Strong Array of Directors Elected For Each Bank

Raleigh has good reason to be proud of her banks and to-day the stockholders in the various institutions met and declared handsome dividends as usual.

The banks of this city are not surpassed in the South, and as for staunchness there are none in the world superior.
The meetings to-day were all well attended and in every instance the old officers were re-elected.

COMMERCIAL & FARMERS' BANK

The stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank met this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and about 95 per cent of the capital stock was represented in the meeting.

The following directors were elected: J. J. Thomas, Raleigh; Alf. A. Thompson, of Johnson & Thompson, cotton exporters, Raleigh; Henry A. London, attorney-at-law, Pittsboro; A. F. Page, president A. and W. E. R. R. Co., Aberdeen; Louis H. Briggs, of Thos. H. Briggs & Sons, Raleigh; Ashley Horne, capitalist, Clayton; Geo. W. Watts, American Tobacco Co., Durham; Fred. Phillips, capitalist, Tarboro; R. B. Raney, Gen. Agent Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., Raleigh; B. N. Duke, managing director American Tobacco Co., Durham; John W. Scott, capitalist, Sanford; Joshua B. Hill, of J. H. Ferrall & Co., Grocers, Raleigh; James E. Shepherd, ex-Chief Justice North Carolina Supreme court, Raleigh.

NATIONAL BANK OF RALEIGH.

The stockholders of the National Bank of Raleigh held their annual meeting at noon to-day, at which they elected the following directors:

Chas. H. Belvin, J. B. Rathbun, Jas. A. Briggs, C. M. Busbee, T. R. Crowder, Chas. E. Johnson, Julius Lewis, F. O. Moring, W. R. Tucker, all of Raleigh.

The directors afterwards held a meeting and elected officers as follows:
Chas. H. Belvin, president; Chas. E. Johnson, vice-president; F. H. Briggs, cashier; Julian Timberlake, teller; F. L. Mauer, J. W. Harden, Jr., D. D. Upchurch, book-keepers; Chas. D. Jones, clerk and collector.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' National Bank held to-day the following directors were elected for that staunch institution:

Col. A. B. Andrews, Mr. R. H. Battle, Dr. R. H. Lewis, Dr. A. B. Hawkins, Mr. Jos. G. Brown, Mr. I. M. Procter, Mr. W. H. Williamson, Mr. J. C. Drewry, all of this city.

The directors subsequently elected the following officers:
Jos. G. Brown, president; Col. A. B. Andrews, vice-president; Henry E. Litchford, cashier; F. P. Haywood, Jr., book-keeper; W. W. Roberts, teller; H. J. Young, Irvin T. Jones, assistant book-keepers; J. Leigh Skinner, collector; Miss Burkhead, stenographer.

RALEIGH SAVINGS BANK.

The stockholders of the Raleigh Savings Bank met yesterday for the purpose of electing directors for the year. The following directors were chosen: W. C. Stronach, N. W. West, Julius Lewis, G. Rosenthal, V. E. Turner, A. B. Stronach, J. F. Ferrell, W. B. Hutchings and H. E. Litchford.

DIME SAVINGS BANK.

The Dime Savings Bank stockholders have held their annual meeting and the semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was declared.

RAILROAD COURTESY.

This morning, as the Southern Railway train from the West ran under the shed at the Union depot, the Seaboard Air Line Northbound train pulled out. If there had been passengers wishing to go North there would have been no hope

BALLOT FOR SENATOR

HOT TIME ALL DAY IN OHIO LEGISLATIVE HALLS

Rough Element Gains Admission--Extra Police Sworn in--One Change May Alter Result.

By Telegraph to The Times.
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Trouble is feared when the balloting for the Senatorship is taken to-day.

The extra police who were sworn in yesterday are still on duty. The crowds then scattered around the Capitol were armed and ready to suppress any riot that may occur. Mark Hanna's friends are swearing in the streets threatening vengeance on Mayor McKisson, an anti-Hanna candidate.

The contest is so close that one weak kneed member on either side can change the result. The leaders of both sides are hustling up to the last minute. Hethery is charged to add to the excitement.

TOUGHIES GET IN.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 11.—The State house is crowded. All the noisy element gained admission and no tickets were needed. The Hanna supporters expressed no fear of dramatic performance. The report that Representative O'Leary, of Cincinnati, will make a sensational statement on the floor of the House has been denied.

TO GO TO 2 O'CLOCK.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Those actively engaged in the inaugural exercises and the Senatorial contest were up all night. They agreed to vote at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

POLK MILLER COMING.

Appears With Able Assistants at Metropolitan Opera House.

Polk Miller, the famous humorist and delineator of negro characters, supported by Oscar P. Sisson and Ester Wallace, will appear at Metropolitan Opera House to-morrow evening.

The performance will be divided into three acts. First, Mr. Sisson and Miss Wallace will give a very pleasing and humorous musical comedy sketch, in which Mr. Sisson will take the part of a New England country boy and Miss Wallace that of a little Yankee school girl. It is a very funny act, and serves to introduce some good singing by Miss Wallace, as well as the clever comedy work of Mr. Sisson. Act 2 will be occupied entirely by Polk Miller in his usual entertainment, consisting of a series of stories and songs, delineating the characteristics of the old plantation negro.

Act 3 will be a character sketch of about one hour, in which Mr. Sisson and Miss Wallace appear, and Polk Miller takes the part of "Uncle Daniel," an old dandy, who has gone North just after the issuing of the proclamation of emancipation.

The scene is laid in Boston, and the old fellow is weary of his experience, and is bound for "Old Virginia." In the situations presented, and ensuing dialogue, many interesting and amusing points are brought out which bear forcibly on the state of affairs at that time, and it is safe to say a pleasant evening awaits all who attend this unique performance.

LONDON ASSURANCE.

A Popular Comedy by a Popular Author Presented by Popular Boys for a Popular Cause.

The play, "London Assurance," is a breezy English comedy, containing many striking situations. It is by the noted playwright, Dion Boucicault, and satirizes the fashionable vices of the nineteenth century. The cast of characters is composed of twelve persons, nine male and three female, all being impersonated by young men.

The comedian of the cast is remarkably good, and introduces several original specialties, which have never failed to create merriment. Banjo and guitar specialties will be introduced between the acts.

The play has been rendered by many of the best troupes in the country, and all audiences have greeted it most favorably. There is not a dull line in it.

The University boys will present this play Friday night. Tickets are on sale now at King's drug store.

TO GO INTO S. S. ROOM.

The Presbyterians Expect to Occupy the Sunday School Room by Jan. 26th.

The building committee of the new Presbyterian church took action yesterday to the effect that the financial committee be informed that it is desired and expected that the first service in the new prayer-meeting and Sabbath school room shall be held on Wednesday night, January 26th, provided full payment shall have been made by that time. It is confidently expected that this will be done. The entire cost of the building

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 Gotten Down in Our Note-Book--Personal and Otherwise.

The Euchre Club will be entertained this evening by Miss Jane Andrews.
Governor Russell went to Wilmington Sunday afternoon. He returned home this afternoon.

The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, in the Mayor's office.

The report of the meeting of the public school supervisors, held here December 28th, is being printed in pamphlet form by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for free distribution.

The work of putting up the metal ceiling in the Supreme Court room is going on rapidly, and will be completed in a few days. It will be a very beautiful piece of work when completed.

The Miller-Sisson-Wallace Company which will give one of their enjoyable performances at the Metropolitan Opera House Wednesday night, January 12th, is one of the most capable comedy companies of its class on the road. The entertainment is novel, refined, humorous and clean throughout.

After a two days' stay with Mr. J. B. Fortune, Mr. S. S. Marks, of Shelby, turned home last night. He says he stayed in Raleigh three months at the beginning of the war, at Camp Mangum. He has only been here one time since, in the year 1884, when he attended the Republican State Convention as a delegate.

News comes from Goldsboro that a series of cuts is to be started against Mr. H. Well for the killing of two workmen and the injury of a half dozen more by the falling of the roof of a building he was having constructed in Goldsboro. The aggregate of the amount of damages sued for will be very large.

The Rev. O. B. Wilson, a widely known Presbyterian minister, arrived in the city this afternoon and is the guest of the Rev. Dr. Daniel. Mr. Wilson is connected with the negro evangelistic work of the Southern Presbyterian church, and will deliver an address upon that work at the Presbyterian church Wednesday night, upon invitation of the pastor and session. He is a forcible speaker. All should hear him.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Usual Crowds and Usual Array of Counsel Present To-day.

Superior Court was convened for the second day's session at 10 o'clock this morning by Judge Timberlake.

The following cases had been disposed of at 4:20 this afternoon:

Judgment against Ben Keith, convicted of assault on Pat Watson, was suspended on payment of costs.

Merriland Jones, sent to the roads for four months for larceny.

Haywood Rogers, ninety days on the roads for larceny.

Elmore Burton, the colored girl who forged an order for \$1, was sent to the work house for a year.

Judgment against Frank Moore, a white boy, and Ellis Dunston a negro boy, for larceny of some vegetables, was suspended because of their age and subject to their good behavior.

James Watson, a young white man, was sent to the roads for stealing a pocket-book containing \$10.

Len Stewart and Jerry Moye were given six months each on the roads for an affray.

William Whitaker, the negro boy who stole a watch from Mr. Gulon Dewey, plead guilty of the theft and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Will Hooks was given four months on the roads for larceny.

Dick Bridgers, who robbed Mr. Gattis' store, was sent to the roads for four years.

Chas. Brooks, one of the negroes who stole brasses from the railroad, was sent to the roads for two years.

Judgment against J. W. Avent, charged with pointing a gun, was suspended on payment of the costs.

Judgment against G. T. Pleasants, charged with assault, was suspended on payment of the costs.
Judgment against Joe Perry, charged with cruelty to animals, was suspended on payment of costs.
Lou Fagan was sent to the roads for receiving stolen goods.
Jim Brooks, alias Jim Chavis, was brought into court and arraigned for the murder of Meahley White, and his trial