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Arrival and Departure of Trains at Charlotte.

RICHMOND & DANVILLE AND ATLANTA & CHARLOTTE AIR-LINE.

No. 50—Arrives at Charlotte from Richmond at 12.35 a. m. Leaves for Atlanta at 1.45 a. m.
No. 51—Arrives at Charlotte from Atlanta at 4.55 a. m. Leaves for Richmond at 5 15 a. m.
No. 52—Arrives at Charlotte from Richmond at 12 40 p. m. Leaves for Atlanta at 1 00 p. m.
No. 53—Arrives at Charlotte from Atlanta at 6 25 p. m. Leaves for Richmond at 6 45 p. m.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA.

Arrives from Columbia at 6 15 p. m.
Leaves for Columbia at 1 00 p. m.

A., T. & O. Division.

Arrives from Statesville at 11 40 a. m.
Leaves for Statesville at 6 50 p. m.

CAROLINA CENTRAL.

Leaves for Wilmington at 8 45 p. m., and for Laurinburg at 7 40 a. m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Arrives from Wilmington at 6 55 a. m., and from Laurinburg at 4 45 p. m., on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Shelby Division of Carolina Central.

Leaves for Shelby at 7 35 a. m.
Arrives from Shelby at 500 p. m.

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NOTICE

To the Tax-Payers of Mecklenburg Co

Your attention is called to the fact that the State and County Tax for the current year is now due and also that most stringent laws were passed by the last Legislature in regard to the collection of the same. Read the Revenue Act passed during the last session of the General Assembly and do not censure the Sheriff if you have an additional tax to pay in the way of cost.
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1886 IN THE SOUTH.

THE HISTORY OF A YEAR'S PROGRESS.

A Review of the South's Industrial Growth in a Year—Southern Enterprise, Prosperity and Wealth.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—The United Press is in receipt of the advance sheet from the *Manufacturers Record* for January 1st, 1887. That number of the *Record* will contain a review of the industrial advancement of the South during 1886, in the compilation of which over 10,000 letters and postal cards were used. It says with 1886 ends

The Most Remarkable Year

In many respects in the history of the Southern States. During that year more was accomplished for the prosperity and progress of the whole South than ever before in the same length of time. It is not alone in the enormous industrial development and in the addition of millions of dollars to the manufacturing capital and hundreds of new enterprises that 1886 will ever be memorable in the history of Southern industries, greater probably than those so far as concerns the future progress of the South is the interest that has been awakened among Northern and European capitalists in the vast mineral and timber wealth of the Southern States, and their thorough conversion to the truth that the South is destined to be the

Richest Country in the World.

The greatest interest has centred in the iron and steel industries. The organization of furnace companies has gone on with a rapidity that is startling. The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company now have five furnaces in operation and is producing more iron than the Thomas Iron Company of Philadelphia with its 12. They will build 5 more furnaces, 1,400 coke ovens, and a steel plant.

Some Large Investments.

The Sloss Iron & Steel Co., has two furnaces and has contracted for the building of two more besides a steel plant of 250 coke ovens.

Samuel Thames, of Pennsylvania, and his associates are putting $1,000,000 into a furnace at Birmingham Another Pennsylvania iron maker has headed a company with a capital of $1,500,000 to build two furnaces, coke ovens, etc. He says it cost $15 a ton to make iron in Pennsylvania, while at Birmingham he can make it for $7.50. The de Bordelahm Coal and Iron Co., is building two furnaces. The Coalburg Coal and Coke Co., is building a furnace. A $3,000,000 company will build three furnaces at Florence, Alabama, and develop other industries there. While at Sheffield, five furnaces of 125 tons capacity each are under contract. At South Pittsburg, Tenn., two 120 ton furnaces besides one by the Tennessee Coal, Iron & R. R. Co., will be erected. Calera and Decatur, Ala., are each to have a furnace. The Williamson Iron Co., has built one furnace at Birmingham and another has been completed at Ætna, Tenn. A 100 ton will be built at Chattanooga. One is under construction at Ashland, Ky., and one in Virginia, while other companies, with heavy capital, have organized in Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama to develope coal and iron property. In the development of the steel interests an excellent commencement has been made. One small Bessemer plant has been completed at Chattanooga and one large Bessemer railmill is now under construction at the same place, and one Bessemer plant is building in Richmond, Va.

North Carolina Steel.

The Bessemer ores at Cranberry, N. C., will be developed. The present mines there will enlarge their workings to meet the increasing demand.

Immense stove works are to be erected at South Pittsburg, Tenn., by an Albany, N. Y., firm, and in Birmingham a $200,000 Stove Company has gotten under way. In Sheffield a large nail and pipe mill will be built. A large iron pipe foundry has been completed at Chatanooga, and one will be built at Wheeling. Other industries have kept pace with iron and dustries have kept pace with iron and steel. Mining has been very active in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama and Tennessee. Texas will soon open coal mines, Virginia is developing iron ore and manganese, preparations are being made to quarry Georgia marble, and Arkansas has been lively and opened many mines and built extensive smelters.

The Figures of Increase.

Included in the list of new enterprises reported in the South during 1886 were: 28 iron furnaces, 50 ice factories 68 fundries and machine shops, 1 bessemer steel rail mill, 26 miscellaneous iron works, 8 stove foundries, 24 gas works, 34 electric light companies, 11 agricultural implement factories. 174 mining and quarrying enterprises, 16 carriage and wagon factories, 9 cotton mills, 23 furniture factories, 42 water works, 58 tobacco factories, 92 flour mills, 448 lumber mills.

Improvements Over Last Year.

The enlargement of old plants and the rebuilding of mills, after being burned, for 1886, and comparing it with the figures for 1885, we have:

States.	1886.	1885.
Alabama,	$1,984,000	$7,841,000
Arkansas,	1,528,000	1,220,000
Florida,	1,659,000	2,019,000
Georgia,	3,599,000	250,000
Kentucky,	28,404,000	18,303,200
Louisiana,	2,240,000	2,118,500
Maryland,	8,765,500	6,668,800
Mississippi,	774,000	761,300
N. Carolina,	3,676,000	3,230,000
S. Carolina,	1,508,000	856,000
Tennessee,	21,240,000	2,692,000
Texas,	560,400	2,232,000
Virginia,	8,514,000	3,314,000
West Va.	8,355,000	12,056,600
Total,	$129,226,000	$66,818,000

Strike Settled.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 28.—The strike of the Reading railroad employees at Port Richmond, has been amicably settled.

GEN. LOGAN'S FUNERAL.

The Clubs of Chicago Preparing for the Funeral Ceremonies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The several committees appointed by the Nations Grand Army Posts and veteran clubs throughout the city to make arrangements regarding the funeral of Gen Logan, met at the Grand Pacific Hotel at noon to day, to confer with the sub-committee appointed at the citizens meeting yesterday, and to prepare a programme to present to the general committee of the latter meeting. Gen. H. H. Thomas was elected chairman of the joint meeting of committees. Collector Stone read a message from Senator Cullom, stating that the site at the entrance of South Park, for Gen. Logan's last resting place, would be acceptible, if Mrs. Logan would be permitted to be buried by his side.

Collector Stone, C. B. Farwell, McGregor Adams, Frank Holton, William Venn Nixon and Gen. Stockton were appointed a committee to wait upon the South Park commissioners and learn their will in the matter. The committee on halls will decide as to the best place for holding the funeral services.

The committee on South Park site reported that, after a conference with R. Walsh, it was deemed expedient to tender a burial place in Oakwood cemetery. That a site for a monument be offered in South Park, and that the name of General Boulevard be changed to Logan Boulevard. The report was adopted.

A committee was appointed to urge the city council to make a tender of a site for a monument to Gen. Logan on the Lake Front.

Committees were then named and the meeting adjourned.

BROOKLYN'S MUDDLE SETTLED.

Another Beecher Case Decided by the Brooklyn Court.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 28.—A divorce case which has caused almost as great a sensation in this city as did the Beecher-Tilton suit was closed this morning by the decision of Judge Reynolds against the Rev. Benjamin Staunton, pastor of the Fort Green Presbyterian Church. Mr. Staunton has been pastor of the Fort Green Church for over two years. shortly after his coming to this city stories were put in circulation about him which reflected on his conduct as a minister and which tended to impair the fair name of certain ladies of his congregation. Mrs. Staunton left last summer for Saratoga, where she remained two months. Upon her return to Brooklyn she found a Mrs. Laidler installed in her home, and thereupon begun the divorce proceedings which to-day were decided in her favor. Mr Staunton was formerly pastor of a church in Troy, N. Y.

Work of Colorado Outlaws.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 28.—A *Times'* special from Trinidad says: "On Sunday George McCombe and W. W. Weorthomux attempted to rob a storekeeper named Morgan at Stonewall in Purgatory Valley. They told Morgan to hold up his hands, when, instead of doing so, he turned to reach for a revolver. McCombe then shot him in the back. Morgan's clerk who came to his assistance was also shot and seriously wounded. The two men then fled, but were followed to Trinidad and trailed to a house of ill-repute by the Sheriff and a posse. At six o'clock yesterday morning an attempt was made to arrest them when a fight ensued, the Sheriff's posse literally riddling the house with bullets. McCombe was shot through the right lung. He is still alive and says that he shot himself to evade capture. Weorthomux gave himself up.

New Plan of Locomotive Engineers

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—The locomotive engineers on the B. & O. R. R. are seeking to have changes made in the amount and method of their pay. Twenty-five cents a day is deducted from their salaries by the Company to be paid back at the end of two months if they have a perfectly clean record. They thus get $2.50 instead of $2.75. They want to be paid in full. The second class engineers get $2.35 a day. They also demand $2.75 on the ground that they are called on to do first class work, the same as the others. A State convention of engineers to consider these matters will be held at Harrisburg on January 1st.

A Prominent Pastor Suspended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Commercial *Advertiser* says: "The exact position of Rev. Dr. McGlynn, pastor of St. Stephen's, is as follows: Dr. McGlynn has been suspended from the pastorate of St. Stephen's Church, by order of Archbishop Corigan. The archbishop has entered a complaint against Dr. McGlynn at Rome. The grounds for the complaint were the disobedience in neglecting to establish a parochial school in his church, as required by the regulations of the diocese. Failing to observe the spirit of the archbishop's notice regarding election matters and public advocacy of the theoretical land system condemned by the archbishop.

The Weavers Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The striking upholstery weavers, at their meeting yesterday, adopted resolutions repudiating the "alleged settlement entered into by the two members of the executive board of District Assembly No. 1, and the industrial committee of the upholstery manufacturers, as being illegal and contrary to the laws of the order of the Knights of Labor."

The manufacturers met in the evening and decided to refer the matter to the aid committee of the manufacturers association.

Hung Himself.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 28.—The steamer Avalon reports today that William Lewis, a rich farmer near Burgess creek, Northumberland county, Virginia, committed suicide on Christmas day by hanging himself. No cause is assigned for the act.

RALEIGH RIPPLES.

W. H. WILLIAMS ACCIDENTLY SHOT BY HIS WIFE.

Gov. Scales Receives $600,000 worth of Confederate Bonds—Elliott Nominated for the Senate in the First District.

Special telegram to the CHRONICLE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 28.—As Wm. H. Williams and his wife were firing at a target, with a shot gun. at Freemont, Wayne county, the gun was accidently discharged by Mrs. Williams as her husband approached her, and the entire load entered his body. Death was instantaneous. The woman is entirely insane. She has four children.

Confederate Bonds.

Governor Scales to-day received $600,000 in Confederate bonds from England. They were deposited there in 1864 by John White, State agent, by the order of Governor Vance.

For the Senate.

Richard Elliott has been nominated by the Republicans for the Senate from the First District against Griffin, the Democratic nominee.

No News of Bingham.

No tidings of Walter Bingham have been received here. He was last heard of a week ago to-day at St. Louis. Governor Scales has offered $400 reward for him.

FIRE AMONG THE STEAMERS.

Five Boats Burned and Over $100,000 Lost.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 28.—Fire at 6 o'clock this morning destroyed the Mississippi Valley Transportation Steamer, R. S. Hayes, and four barges and the Anchor Line Steamer, City of Natchez, while lying at the bank. The fire is supposed to have originated in the art cabin of the steamers Hayes, soon enveloping the whole boat, burning her to the water's edge. The fire spread to the City of Natchez, lying just below the Hayes, and in a few moments she too was a mass of flames. The barges alongside of the Hayes, loaded with cotton, soda, ash and sundries, also took fire and were completely destroyed. Nothing but the wrecks of the burned hulks remain. The City of Natchez was built at Jeffersonville three years ago and was valued at $100,000. She was one of the finest boats on the Mississippi. The Hayes was built by the Valley Company 5 years ago and was valued at about $50,000. The loss of barges and contents will make the loss reach about $1,000,000. The insurance is not known at present. A strong northwest wind at the time of the fire held the boats into the band and prevented tugs from saving the fleet. The barges lying on the outside of those burned were cut loose and towed to a safe harbor by tugs. The wrecked, burning hulls are being towed to the other side of the river and beached.

Both steamers were lying up on account of the close of navigation. The Hayes belonged to the Mississippi Valley Transportation Co., and was valued at $60,000; insured for $20,000. The Natchez was insured for $50,000. The four barges were valued at $10,000 each and their cargoes foot up a value of $90,000.

Sharon Christmas Eve.

Special Correspondence CHARLOTTE CHRONICLE.

The enterta nment or mass meeting of the W. C. T. U. today, was a splendid success. At 12 o'clock a large crowd, estimated to be between 200 and 300 assembled in the church, which was tastefully decorated with wreaths, banners and mottoes. The exercises were opened with prayer and the reading of short appropriate passages of scripture by Rev. G. D. Parks. Then came an impressive and effective address by Dr. Parks, after which the president Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick read the constitution and pledge and invited all to join them, while the Band of Hope, with excellent voices, sang charmingly some temperance songs. They received 23 names at the same time. The superintendents of the Band of Hope received 22, making 45, and a total membership of about 150. A nice dinner was then spread and enjoyed by all. The Sharon Cornet Band were present and made excellent music. The ladies of this Society make it a special work to teach the children a knowledge of the evil of intemperance and to make drinking unpopular with them in the bud. This is a pleasant and important duty, the faithful discharge of which will bring them a sweet reward. Truly, it was good to be there. Many went to their homes wishing the W. C. T. U. God-speed in their glorious mission in which they are engaged and a successful triumphant march against the common enemy of mankind, God, home and our native land.

W. B. A.

Killed Her Own Daughter.

MIDDLETOWN, O., Dec. 28.—Last evening Mrs. Hendrickson, wife of ex-policeman Hendrickson, of this city, accidentally shot and killed her four-year-old daughter Stella. The mother was showing a neighbor how she would scare a tramp with a self-cocking revolver, fired one shot in the air and then, as she was putting the pistol away, it exploded, the bullet striking Stella in the throat and killing her instantly. The parents are alost crazed with grief.

Illinois Toughs on a Tare.

TOLEONO, Ills., Dec. 28.—A gang of toughs who escaped here eight weeks ago while being taken to the jail at Unbana, are terrorizing the village. Last night they took possession of the depot and beat baggage master J. S. White until he was nearly dead. The other railway employees did not dare to help White. Not an officer can be found in town who dares to undertake to arrest the roughs.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—A boiler at Helms Brewery Company, of East St. Louis, Ill., exploded at 2 o'clock this afternoon, instantly killing Jno. Keifer, and employee, and it is said very seriously injuring six other employees.

WINSTON NOTES.

Items of Interest About the Twin City.

Special Correspondence CHARLOTTE CHRONICLE.

WINSTON, Dec. 23.—The annual entertainment at the Salem Female Academy, last night, was a most enjoyable affair. The decorations were splendid, and the chapel presented a very pleasant appearance, with its hundred or more beautiful young ladies ready and willing to exhibit their skill in the art musical, and they all seemed to feel confident that their efforts would be appreciated, from the grace and ease with which each took her seat at the piano and touched the keys. They were not disappointed, however, for the audience was delighted and all present pronounced it a grand success.

Mr. Stephen Neal and Miss Anna Leak were married at the Centenary M. E. Church this afternoon, at 5 o'clock. They immediately departed for Milton, N. C., where they will spend the honeymoon and holidays.

Dr. L. S. Burkhead, the new pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, arrived here with his family this week.

Dr. W. H. Bobbitt, of Salisbury, will spend the holidays in the Twin City with his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Ashcraft.

Miss Carrie Riggs, one of Winston's young ladies, is spending the holidays with friends in Charlotte.

One of the most pleasant reminiscences of our childhood days is the children's love feast on Christmas eve in the Moravian church. We well remember the first one we ever attended and how pleasant the ladies who served the cakes and coffee and afterwards the lighted candles, looked, in their matronly white caps and aprons. We imagine we can smell the aroma of the coffee and taste the flavor of the big round butter cakes even now, and whenever Christmas eve approaches and we see a bevy of children coming from love feast with their faces and candles aglow and champing their cakes, we can't help longing for those childhood days again—and a piece of the cake.

Everybody in the Twin City seems determined to decorate this Christmas; evergreens are abundant everywhere, and the scent of them seems to inspire us with a joyful sense of the approach of *Christmas*—that day of days, when every Christian heart should raise its voice in praise to the Saviour of mankind. These decorations are good to look at, and home looks, somehow, more Christmas-like and Christian-like with them than without them. MART.

CHRISTMAS ELOPEMENT.

Romantic Marriage of a Young Couple at Spartanburg.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 27.—Society here is somewhat excited over the clandestine marriage of Miss Susie Walker, the daughter of the Mayor of this city, a young miss of fourteen years, to a young man named Guy Harris, who is but sixteen. It has just come to light that the young lady went to a party Christmas night under the escort of another gentleman, and leaving with Harris at 12:30, started in search of a clergyman to unite them in marriage. Two clergymen applied to refused to perform the ceremony, but at about 1 o'clock in the morning a notary public was found who made the couple man and wife. The newly wedded pair had just reached the home of the groom's parents, and were sitting by the fire, when the anxious parents of the bride burst in. A scene followed, and the weeping bride was taken home. It is said her mother and sister fainted on hearing of the occurance. As the youthful wife is said to be kept secluded at her father's house, the final outcome of the complication is anxiously awaited.

The Spartanburg Suicide.

Charleston News and Courier.

SPARTANBURG, December 27.—Mrs. Smith, who shot herself about dark last Thursday evening, died yesterday afternoon. She talked very little about the matter, Dr. Russell forbidding people to talk to her. When they were carrying her in the house a colored woman who was assisting said: "Nan, what made you do it?" Her reply was: "I couldn't help it." The next morning she was asked if she was not sorry on account of what she had done. Her reply was; "No, I'm not." She will be buried to day.

War Between the Whites and Blacks.

MEMHPHIS, Tenn., Dec.—Trouble is expected in the Twelfth Civil District of this county about two miles southeast of Memphis, as the feeling out there is very intense and bitter between whites and blacks owing to several barns that has been recently burned by incendiaries. At Jones and Newton Williams two negroes were sent to jail Saturday night for the attempted assination of T. J. Herron.

Fierce Encounter on the Highway.

KOCOMA, IND., Dec. 28.—Sunday night, while returning home from Burlington, Mark Powell, a young farmer, had a deperate encounter in the public road with two highwaymen. Knives were used freely by both parties. Powers fought desperately to free himself which he succeeding in doing after stabbing one of his assailants, who was taken care of by his pal. Powers had $2,000 on his person and is confident in the belief that one of his assailants will die.

The Supply of Cotton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,128,484 bales, of which 2,718,284 bales are American, against 2,961,860 and 2,669,460 respectively last year. The receipts at all the interior towns are 180,930 bales. The receipts from plantations are 305,626 bales. and the crop in sight 4,331,021 bales.

A Rumor of Lamar's Marriage.

MACON, GA., Dec. 28.—It is the general here that Secretary Lamar and Mrs. Holt will be married on tomorrow or Thursday.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

The Logan Obsequies—Secretary Manning's $10,000,000 Bond Call—Other News from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the Logan obsequies had not been determined upon, so far as the date of funeral and place of interment are concerned. Sergeant-at-Arms Canady of the Senate, says that the funeral services will probably take place in the Senate chamber on Friday and that the interment will likely be in Chicago. Capt. George E. Lemon, of the Grand Army Republic Post Committee being in charge of the remains, has received a large number of telegrams from different parts of the country extending sympathy and making contributions for Mrs. Logan. He thinks $100,000 will be contributed this week.

The President's Health.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The President is slowly improving. He was up and about his room to-day. Early this morning word was sent to the members of the Cabinet that there would be no meeting to-day. There were but few callers at the mansion to-day and late this afternoon the President and Mrs. Cleveland drove out to Oak View. The President walked to his carriage with difficulty, leaning upon a heavy cane. Dr. O'Reilly, the President's physician, thinks his patient will be well enough on Saturday to meet all the requirements of his New Year's day duties.

The California Wheat Crop.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Dodge, Statistician of the Department of Agriculture says in regard to the extravagant estimates of the wheat production in California which has been stated at 67,000,000 bushels that it is at least 2,000,000 bushels too high, and that the crop of that State is commercially over-estimated every year the excess averaging not less than 20 per cent. for 10 years past. This he asserts is proved by the data of consumption and exportation.

The Free Delivery System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Only 35 applications, from as many cities, have been received at the Postoffice Department for the free delivery system in cities entitled to the same under the recent law of Congress. Unless applications is made by the cities entitled to it the service will not be established.

Gen Hill's Visit Postponed.

WASHINGEON, Dec. 28.—Gen. Hill, of New York, was expected here last night, to remain several days the guest of President Cleveland. Owing to the illness of the President and Gen. Logan's death, the visit, which Col. Lamont says was to have been partly a social one, has been postponed.

Manning's Retirement Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The report that Senator McPherson has been tendered the Treasury portfolio and that Secretary Manning's retirement is contemplated is denied here by high authority.

Big Bond Call.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Manning this afternoon issued a bond call for ten million dollars of 2 per cent. bonds.

The Musical Concert at Gastonia.

Correspondence of CHARLOTTE CHRONICLE.

On Thursday night a large and appreciative audience, composed of citizens of Gastonia, and a goodly number of visitors, had assembled in a nicely decorated hall and were impatiently awaiting the beginning of the performance, which consisted of musical selections enlived here and there by an amusing charade. To do all justice I would have to specially compliment each one, so suffice it to say that the pieces were well selected and well rendered, and reflect great credit on the teacher of this branch, Miss Lula McDowell. I would not omit the recitation by Prof. L. L. Jenkins, which was pronounced excellent by all who heard it, and he gave us a very good idea of "How Ruby played;" nor would I forget to mention that the appearance of the stage was very much improved by the collection of pictures from the art department, which collection reflects credit upon the skilled young teacher, Miss Hattie Kendrick, and upon the pupils. The concert was a success in every respect. The people of Gastonia should congratulate themselves that they have secured the services of such an excellent teacher as Prof. Reid, and he should congratulate himself on having secured to assist him so much talent. VISITOR.

A Fiendish Crime.

AKRON, O., Dec. 28. In the Common Pleas Court this morning Albert Saxe was convicted of raping a five year old child at Cuyahaga Falls and was sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary. The case was an assaulting one, the defense denying the act charged, but admitted that Saxe used the child in a beastly manner. It was hoped thus to free him from the penitentiary, but the jury, composed largely of farmers, did not allow this technicality to save the prisoner. Popular indignation against Saxe has been high.

Miss Talmage to Marry.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—It is announced that Miss Edith Talmage, daughter of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, will be married soon to Mr. Allan Donnan, of this city.

English Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Owing to the resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill, parliament has been further prorogued from January 13th to February 10th.

Assignment in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Jacob Castelberg, jeweler, corner Light and Baltimore streets, failed this morning. Liabilities $60,000; nominal assets $90,000.

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