

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

THE RAILROAD INTEREST.

Great Atlantic-Express-Stage Fish-Catchery Abolished-Rev. Frazier-Howe-Robbed Rev. Husband's Safe.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

RALPH, N. C., January 25.—It is stated that the prospects for the extension of the railroad from Statesville to Taylorsville, Alexander county, are growing bright. With the coming of spring much activity in railroad construction may be expected. A railway is to be built from Jonesboro' to Carthage, Moore county, and will probably extend toward Salisbury. Branch lines are in demand, and the people of Moore will vote February 6th on the issue of bonds for this branch of the line from the Cape Fear and Yadkin-Valley railway.

West of the Blue Ridge, where the temperature in the recent bitter weather ranged so low, there is fear that the peach crop, which is a very important one, has been greatly damaged by the intense cold. Examination of buds of trees show that this apprehension is well founded. The lowest temperature recorded since 1835 was marked in Watauga and Alleghany counties, being 28 degrees below zero. Ice on New River, on the border line of Virginia and North Carolina, was asserted to be thirty inches thick. Alex. Stewart, the negro desperado who not long ago committed a burglary at the house of a woman at Wilmington, is at last in the toils of the police there.

Yesterday at Wilmington Rev. Peyton H. Hoge was formally installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Saturday he was formally received into membership by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Hanover, Virginia.

Q. D. Fresse, of Irwell county, rejoices over the virtues of the madstone. He was bitten by an alleged mad-dog week before last. The madstone was applied until it ceased to adhere, and as no bad results have followed there is a fresh batch of converts to the madstone theory.

An eminent engineer has been engaged to survey a railway line across the Blue Ridge, near Marion, McDowell county. He has made a preliminary survey and finds that the road is feasible and far easier than expected. This survey is ordered by the Massachusetts Construction Company for the proposed line from Shelby to the Cranberry iron-mines.

A very large force of laborers are at work on the new hotel at Warm Springs upon the ruins of the one burned last February. The latter is now law-suit against the insurance companies—seventeen in number—which had insured on the burned hotel. The case is up in the Federal Court.

The Messrs. Chabour, of Columbus county, are taking steps for the construction of a railroad from Whitesville south into South Carolina. They have at Wilmington 35,000 tons of steel-trails, which they have purchased and paid for, to be used in the construction of the road. In March work will begin on the railway from Buckland, in Gates county, near the Virginia line, to Newberne, and perhaps to Wilmington. It was surmised a month ago that this line would be constructed.

Wayne-county jail is only calculated to hold eighty prisoners, yet it now contains thirty, many of them desperate fellows. Day and night the jail is closely watched.

Snow fell here yesterday to the depth of an inch on frozen ground, and last night and to-day there was sleighing. The snow has not melted at all as the temperature has been at freezing point since Saturday evening.

Heretofore the State, through the Department of Agriculture, has been extensively engaged in fish-hatching at Avoca, on Albemarle sound, and at the State ponds near this city. Last spring it gave up the shad-hatching, but managed the carp-hatching, and abolished the shad-department of fish and fisheries. The Board of Agriculture has now decided to stop the culture of carp and to stop all operations at the beautiful ponds here. So the houses, appliances, and fish now there will all be sold, and the State goes entirely out of the fish business.

There is a growing pressure on the part of the people in many counties to elect the duties of a judicial officer. This will greatly reduce the cost of conducting the superior courts and will prove of practical benefit.

PHILADELPHIA, January 25.—1:30 A. M.—One of the fiercest fires ever known in this city occurred at midnight last night. It was discovered at 12:30 A. M., and in an hour six fires, occupying buildings Nos. 715 to 723 Arch street, had been completely burned out. The St. Cloud Hotel adjoined the building in which the fire broke out, but all the guests, about 275 in number, were got out safely. The hotel building was on fire at 1:30, and all probably be destroyed, though the firemen may succeed in preventing its entire destruction. The fire was first discovered in Lehman & Bolton's lithographing establishment on the second floor of Nos. 715 to 719, the first floor of which was occupied by Monroe Brothers & Co., wholesale dealers in boots and shoes. The destruction of the building and contents is complete, and although the building was a substantial structure its high walls quickly crashed to the ground. The flames extended to 721 and 723 on the west, occupied by S. May & Brother, wholesale straw and millinery goods; Julius Gerstle & Co., artificial flowers; and the Metropolitan Straw Goods Company. Here, too, the destruction was complete, and the buildings and stocks are a total loss. When the eastern wall of Lehman & Bolton's building fell it crushed to atoms a small two-story annex of the St. Cloud Hotel, and the main hotel building was soon in flames.

No estimate of the pecuniary losses can be obtained at present, but as the stocks of all the firms were valuable, the loss will no doubt be over a quarter of a million dollars.

Internal Revenue Collections. (By telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, January 25.—The total collections of internal revenue during the first six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, were \$58,549,016, an increase of \$2,029,464 over the collections during the same period of the last fiscal year. There was an increase of \$67,873 on spirits, \$989,565 on tobacco, \$437,801 on fermented liquors, and a decrease of \$74,475 on miscellaneous revenue. The receipts during December, 1885, were \$558,341, greater than the receipts during December, 1884.

The Vice-regent of Ireland. (By telegram to the Dispatch.)

LONDON, January 25.—In the House of Lords this afternoon Earl Kilmorey, Conservative, moved the abolition of the office of Viceroy of Ireland.

"Are you going to the races?" "Yes, and bet on the wrong horse."

"What a fine day!" "Yes, it is."

"I'll be in the city."

"I'll be in the city."

THE TWIN CITIES.

NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.

Another Steam-Yacht Ashore—Accidents—During Excursion Attempt. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, January 25, 1886.

The wrecking-steamship Victoria Peed left this morning to render assistance to an unknown schooner reported ashore six miles south of Cape Henry.

The elegant steam yacht G. W. Green, belonging to the "August-Flower" man, New Jersey, went ashore yesterday on Pingleton Beach, in Pamlico Sound. The steamer John L. Roper left this morning to go to her assistance. The yacht was on her way from Norfolk to Charleston.

This is the city sheeling continued all day and night, and was the heaviest of the season, causing injury to a number of persons who fell on the ice. One man in Portsmouth, William Benford, and two in Norfolk, Smith Wise and a negro, had legs broken. Services at the churches were generally suspended last night.

The steamer Ariel will not attempt her trips to Richmond to-morrow, as advertised here. She is yet on the ways, and will not leave before the latter part of the week. A daring incendiary attempt was made yesterday morning to destroy the Dutton over-stacking houses on Gosport bridge. The police officers and firemen present succeeded in extinguishing the fire and saving the premises.

Mr. Robert Montague, a well-known citizen of Portsmouth, died to-day. Sheriff Lesner, of the county, leaves to-morrow for Petersburg to take into custody the negro fugitive Joe Scott, who fatally stabbed a negro on the Western Branch several months ago and then escaped from the county.

The steamer Carolina, of the Baltimore and North Carolina freight line, collided with a stern schooner in the harbor this morning, and both were damaged. G.

PETERSBURG.

Hastings-Court Proceedings—The Report on the Normal College—An Early Session. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Jan. 25, 1886.

The Hastings Court this morning, after fixing Thursday for the trial of George Clarke (colored), charged with murdering his wife with an axe, adjourned until that day. The accused was not ready to go into trial to-day. The grand jury were also adjourned over, not being prepared to report as to the alleged violations of the Sunday law by railroad companies in running their freight trains on Sunday. The grand jury have had a number of railroad officials and other witnesses before them. It is said that no freight trains were run yesterday until after nightfall, when on one road seven or eight trains were started.

Mary Williams (colored), who some weeks ago stole clothing and money, aggregating a value of \$300 in value, from the Rev. Jere M. Farley (colored), in this city, was convicted in the Hastings Court and sentenced to eight years imprisonment in the penitentiary. She started to Lynchburg with her plunder, but was arrested at the first station on the Norfolk and Western railroad in Dinwiddie county.

The report of the Legislative Committee on the Normal and Collegiate Institute, near this city, caused no surprise here. It is in fact, confirmed, and the general feeling current here for a long time, about the management of the college, and that it has been run rather in the interest of politics than in the interest of education—rather in the interest of individuals than of the State.

Hail fell here all day Sunday, intermingled occasionally with rain, and this morning the streets were covered with sleet nearly two inches deep. A series of daily prayer-meetings has been in progress for a week past at the Tab-Street Presbyterian church. The pastor has been assisted by the Rev. Mr. Dinwiddie, and the meetings have attracted great interest.

The condition of the venerable Franklin Wright, whose illness was mentioned several days ago, is regarded as hopeless. ROBIN ADAIR.

REV. JOHN P. STRIDER.

The Federal-Floral Offering—The Patriotic Beavers. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

STANTON, VA., January 25.—The funeral of Rev. Dr. Strider took place from the First Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The church was draped in mourning. The floral offerings, which were partly contributed from the Augusta Female Seminary, \$100,000; Wilkesburg, Mississippi, \$100,000; Wilmington, North Carolina, \$150,000; Greenville, South Carolina, \$150,000; Norfolk, Virginia, \$250,000.

The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Charles J. Canby as Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York. In executive session to-day Mr. Edmunds, in behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a resolution directing the Attorney-General to furnish to the Senate copies of all papers and documents on file in his department relating to the administration of the office of the United States District Attorney for the Southern district of Alabama. The resolution was agreed to without debate. It is understood that these papers are desired by the committee in connection with its consideration of the nomination of Jno. D. Burnett vice Geo. Baskin. It is also understood that the request recently made by the committee to the Attorney-General for the papers was returned with the statement that the Attorney-General had not been instructed by the President to furnish them.

The House Committee on Pensions to-day added an amendment to the Mexican-pension bill, introduced in the House by Mr. Wolford, of Kentucky, and directed the report of the bill to the House as agreed upon in committee. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to place on the pension-rolls, at the rate of \$8 per month, the names of all surviving officers, soldiers, and sailors who served in the Mexican war for an period during the years 1845, 1846, 1847, and 1848, or their surviving widows. Secondary evidence of honorable discharge may be received in the case of the loss of the official document, or proof of the receipt of a land-warrant lawfully procured shall be sufficient evidence of an honorable discharge. No soldier whose political disabilities have not been removed shall be entitled to the benefits of the act.

The Vestron on the Queen's Speech. (By cable to the Dispatch.) LONDON, January 25.—A dispatch from Rome says: The *Moniteur de Rome*, the organ of the Vatican, expresses annoyance and disgust at the opposition displayed in the Queen's speech to the abolition of the *Moniteur de Rome*. The *Moniteur* longs for the time to come when the world shall see Protestantism entirely extirpated from Ireland and Catholicism from the continent.

Returning from Europe his father observed that his physical strength was not sufficient to support the arduous exertions he was making, and insisted that he should rest at least one year before again entering the halls of learning. This he declined to do, and proceeded at once to the Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, from which he was graduated in two years, and immediately thereafter was ordained to the ministry in Winchester Presbytery.

A Brother's Cemetery Death. (By telegram to the Dispatch.) WIRCHESSTER, VA., January 25.—A brother's cemetery death, a bride of two months, residing near this city, twenty

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Arrives—The Dakota Question—Absence of the Land Laws—Labor and Agriculture. (From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 25.

This Congress will be obliged to meet and decide the question whether the limit fixed by the act of March 3, 1877, for filing claims for arrears of pensions shall be repealed or extended. The Pension Committee is divided in opinion. Some of them want to remove the limit entirely and give arrears to all who are now on the pension-rolls and have not drawn arrears, and to all who may hereafter be placed upon the rolls. Other members of the committee want to give arrears to all within which applications for arrears may be filed for one or two years. The Browns amendment to the widows-pension bill repeats the limit, which expired July 1, 1880, and throws the door wide open. Although this is likely to be ruled out of order, that expedient will be only a temporary dodging of the issue, because under the revised rules the Committee on Invalid Pensions has the power to report a bill one day open to the way to the payment of arrears, and can force it upon the attention of the House for consideration on the next day. That they have the will to do it was shown by the discussion and votes in committee last week, and the only question among them is how far they can venture to go in that direction and yet retain a majority vote in the House.

THE DAKOTA MATTER. This morning the closing arguments in relation to the admission of Dakota Territory have been heard by the House Committee on Territories from persons representing the various interests in Dakota, but the time was occupied by the Democratic side of the question, and the other side will be given a chance to-morrow.

A member of the committee says he has not found any disposition among Democrats in the House to admit the southern part of the Territory as a State. It is probable that a majority of the committee will favor the admission of all that part east of the Missouri river and the twenty-fourth meridian and the organization of the remainder as a new Territory under the name of Lincoln. Some members expressed decided objection to include the great Sioux reservation within any State lines. They believe that the welfare of the Indians no less than the interests of the United States require that the lands which the Indians have kept under the direct control of Congress, by the Missouri river and the twenty-fourth meridian be adopted as the west line of the new State, the lands to the west of the line, which is as large as the State of Ohio, would be left outside of the State, as well as the Black Hills region, where Mr. Moody, one of the Dakota senators, resides. The proposed division of the Territory, as above mentioned, would include a population of 425,000, and leave in the Territory of Lincoln about 25,000 persons, besides the Indians on the Sioux reservation. The new State would be Republican in politics, but would have to frame a new Constitution and elect senators and a delegate to Congress, and this would practically delay its admission for a year or more. The main controversy in the House and between the Senate and the House will probably be as to the division of the Territory upon an east-and-west line or upon the Missouri-river line.

LAND MONOPOLISTS. Western members of Congress are anxious to enact some law that will prevent capitalists, and especially foreign and foreign syndicates, from acquiring title to vast tracts of land in the Territories. An effort was made in the last Congress to do something to stop this abuse of the public-land laws; but it ended in talk. It is difficult to do anything against the interests of aggregated capital or well-organized corporations. They can afford to keep lawyers, surveyors, black-burns, and Jones of Arkansas were appointed a general committee to act with the House committee.

Honors of Representatives. In the opening prayer the chaplain feelingly referred to the death of Representative Rankin, of Wisconsin, and invoked Divine blessing and protection upon the sorrowing family.

On motion of Mr. Blount, of Georgia, it was ordered that after the reading of the Journal to-morrow the States be called for the introduction of bills and resolutions.

Mr. Bragg, of Wisconsin, announced the death of his colleague, Mr. Rankin, and offered the customary resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House, at 12:15, adjourned.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Bragg, Van Schack, Stevenson, Guenther, Carleton, Henderson of Illinois, and Johnson of New York as the committee on the part of the House to take the order for preparing and printing the funeral and to accompany the remains of the deceased to his home in Wisconsin.

Religious Services in the Public Schools. (By telegram to the Dispatch.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., January 25.—The question of religious services in the public schools is causing trouble in Chartiers borough, and may result in legal proceedings. Recently Professor McIlwaine, the principal of one of the schools, suspended eight pupils, whose parents are Catholics, because the children refused to attend the devotional exercises of the school. The board last week sustained the principal, and now the parents threaten to test the matter in court.

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Every day is a gala day in our establishment with the numerous customers after the bargains we advertise. Every man whose pocket is all the more for wear should see for himself a sum we can help him to make a creditable appearance. In cold weather an OVERCOAT will hide a multitude of defects. We have left of the MONTAGNA BEAVERS only thirty-eight coats, and whoever secures one gets a bargain. These are our FINEST COATS, lined through with the best of SATIN DE CHINE. Now, would you know our reason for being anxious to close them out at such heavy reductions? We are going to MOVE INTO NEW QUARTERS, and we don't want to carry these into it, nor any furniture, but SUIII, OVERCOAT, HAT, OR FURNISHINGS, and so have ignored all profits in order to accomplish this set.

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SATURDAYS AS LATE AS 10 O'CLOCK.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Noted—The stock market was weak and irregular. The first prices of Louisville and Nashville, which was higher, sales of the first of the week were very irregularly accompanied by decided feverishness and general irregularity among the active stocks. The market was generally higher in the afternoon, but the closing was very irregular. The first prices of Louisville and Nashville, which was higher, sales of the first of the week were very irregularly accompanied by decided feverishness and general irregularity among the active stocks. The market was generally higher in the afternoon, but the closing was very irregular.

There are, however, a number of exceptions to the general rule. The market for the next week will be favorable. Louisville and Nashville will be the leading stocks. The market for the next week will be favorable. Louisville and Nashville will be the leading stocks. The market for the next week will be favorable. Louisville and Nashville will be the leading stocks.

BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE, January 25.—Virginia 9 1/2, 10 1/2, 11 1/2, 12 1/2, 13 1/2, 14 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 18 1/2, 19 1/2, 20 1/2, 21 1/2, 22 1/2, 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 25 1/2, 26 1/2, 27 1/2, 28 1/2, 29 1/2, 30 1/2, 31 1/2, 32 1/2, 33 1/2, 34 1/2, 35 1/2, 36 1/2, 37 1/2, 38 1/2, 39 1/2, 40 1/2, 41 1/2, 42 1/2, 43 1/2, 44 1/2, 45 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2, 48 1/2, 49 1/2, 50 1/2, 51 1/2, 52 1/2, 53 1/2, 54 1/2, 55 1/2, 56 1/2, 57 1/2, 58 1/2, 59 1/2, 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 64 1/2, 65 1/2, 66 1/2, 67 1/2, 68 1/2, 69 1/2, 70 1/2, 71 1/2, 72 1/2, 73 1/2, 74 1/2, 75 1/2, 76 1/2, 77 1/2, 78 1/2, 79 1/2, 80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE. MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1886.

SALES—FIVE—5,000 Georgia Pacific 4 1/2 at 105.

SECOND BOARD—10 shares First National Bank at 141; 30 shares Petersburg railroad at 125; 800 Richmond city 5 at 103 1/2.

ST. LOUIS—100 shares 100 1/2, 100 1/4, 100 1/8, 100 1/16, 100 1/32, 100 1/64, 100 1/128, 100 1/256, 100 1/512, 100 1/1024, 100 1/2048, 100 1/4096, 100 1/8192, 100 1/16384, 100 1/32768, 100 1/65536, 100 1/131072, 100 1/262144, 100 1/524288, 100 1/1048576, 100 1/2097152, 100 1/4194304, 100 1/8388608, 100 1/16777216, 100 1/33554432, 100 1/67108864, 100 1/134217728, 100 1/268435456, 100 1/536870912, 100 1/1073741824, 100 1/2147483648, 100 1/4294967296, 100 1/8589934592, 100 1/17179869184, 100 1/34359738368, 100 1/68719476736, 100 1/137438953472, 100 1/274877906944, 100 1/549755813888, 100 1/1099511627776, 100 1/2199023255552, 100 1/4398046511104, 100 1/8796093022208, 100 1/17592180444416, 100 1/35184360888832, 100 1/70368721777664, 100 1/140737443555328, 100 1/281474887110656, 100 1/562949774221312, 100 1/1125899548442624, 100 1/2251799096885248, 100 1/4503598193770496, 100 1/9007196387540992, 100 1/18014392775081984, 100 1/36028785550163968, 100 1/72057571100327936, 100 1/144115142200655872, 100 1/288230284401311744, 100 1/576460568802623488, 100 1/1152921137605246976, 100 1/2305842275210493952, 100 1/4611684550420987904, 100 1/9223369100841975808, 100 1/1844673820168395616, 100 1/3689347640336791232, 100 1/7378695280673582464, 100 1/1475739056134716928, 100 1/2951478112269433856, 100 1/5902956224538867712, 100 1/11805912449077735424, 100 1/23611824898155470848, 100 1/47223649796310941696, 100 1/94447299592621883392, 100 1/188894599185243766784, 100 1/377789198370487533568, 100 1/755578396740975067136, 100 1/1511156793481950134272, 100 1/3022313586963900268544, 100 1/6044627173927800537088, 100 1/12089253547856601074176, 100 1/24178507095713202148352, 100 1/48357014191426404296704, 100 1/96714028382852808593408, 100 1/193428056757055617186816, 100 1/386856113514111234373632, 100 1/773712227028222468747264, 100 1/154742445405644493494528, 100 1/309484890811288986989056, 100 1/618969781622577973978112, 100 1/1237939563245555947956224, 100 1/2475879126491111895912448, 100 1/4951758252982223791824896, 100 1/9903516505964447583649792, 100 1/19807033011928895167299584, 100 1/39614066023857790334599168, 100 1/79228132047715580669198336, 100 1/158456260955431161338396672, 100 1/316912521910862322676793344, 100 1/633825043821724645353586688, 100 1/1267650087643449290707173376, 100 1/2535300175286898581414346752, 100 1/5070600350573797162828693504, 100 1/10141200701147594325657387008, 100 1/20282401402295189451315774016, 100 1/40564802804590378902631548032, 100 1/81129605609180757805263096064, 100 1/162259211218361515610452121216, 100 1/324518422436723031220908242432, 100 1/649036844873446062441816484864, 100 1/1298073689746921248883632969728, 100 1/2596147379493842497767265939456, 100 1/5192294758987684995534531878912, 100 1/10384589179775369991069037577824, 100 1/20769178359550739982138075155648, 100 1/41538356719101479964276150311296, 100 1/83076713438202959928552300622592, 100 1/16615342687640591985710460124584, 100 1/33230685375281183811421224249168, 100 1/66461370750562367622842448498336, 100 1/13292274150112473524576489798672, 100 1/26584548300224947049153795997344, 100 1/53169096600449894098307591994688, 100 1/106338193200899781196615183989376, 100 1/212676386401799562393231367978752, 100 1/425352772803599124786462735957504, 100 1/850705545607198249572925471915008, 100 1/170141109121439649114574984382016, 100 1/340282218242879298229149968764032, 100 1/680564436485758596458299937528064, 100 1/1361128873771517192917598755056128, 100 1/2722257747543034385835197510112512, 100 1/5444515495086068771670775020225024, 100 1/1088903099017213754354155040450048, 100 1/217780619803442750870831008090016, 100 1/435561239606885501741662016180032, 100 1/871122479213771003483324032360064, 100 1/1742244796267546006966488064720128, 100 1/3484489592535092013932976128440256, 100 1/6968979185070184027865952256880512, 100 1/1393795837014036805573190511761024, 100 1/2787591674028073611154681023522048, 100 1/5575183348056147222309362047044096, 100 1/11150366696112294444618724094088192, 100 1/2230073339222458888923748018177344, 100 1/4460146678444917777847496036354688, 100 1/892029335688983555569499207270