TO PREVENT FRAUD.

AN IMPORTANT ACT PASSED BY THE N. C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Designed to Prevent Fraudulent Assignments, and for the Protection of All Classes of Creditors.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—The following bill, entitled an "Act to prevent fraudulent assignments," was recently passed by the General Assembly:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That upon the execution of any voluntary deed of trust, or deed of assignment for the benefit of creditors, all debts of the maker thereof shall become due and payable at once; a schedule of all preferred debts shall be filed under oath by the assignor in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which such assignment is made, stating the name of preferred creditors, the amount due each, when debt was made, and the circumstances under which said debt was contracted, and said schedule shall be filed within five days of the registration of such deed of assignment.

Section 2. That upon the execution of such deed of trust or deed of assignment, the trustee or assignee, whether named therein or appointed as hereafter provided for, shall file with the clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which said deed of trust or deed of assignment is registered within ten days after the registration thereof an inventory, under oath, giving a complete, full, and perfect account of all property that has come into his hands or in the hands of any person for him by virtue of such deed of trust or deed of assignment, and whenever further property of any kind not included in any previous return shall come to the hands or knowledge of such trustee or assignee, he shall return the same as hereinbefore prescribed within ten days after the possession or discovery thereof.

REMOVE THE TRUSTEE.

Section 3. That upon the complaint of any creditor of the assignor or trustee in such deed of trust or deed of assignment, alleging under oath that the assignee or trustee named therein is insolvent, and asking that he be required to give bond or be removed, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which such deed of trust or deed of assignment is registered, upon a notice of not more than ten days to such trustee or assignee, to hear said complaint, and if upon such hearing said clerk shall be satisfied that such trustee or assignee is insolvent it shall be his duty to remove such trustee or assignee and to appoint some competent person to execute the provisions of such deed of trust or deed of assignment; provided that said clerk shall not remove such insolvent trustee or assignee upon his filing with said clerk a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by said clerk, in a sum double the value of the property in said deed of trust or deed of assignment, payable to the State of North Carolina, and conditioned that such trustee or assignee shall faithfully execute and carry into effect the provisions of said deed of trust or deed of assignment; and provided further, that upon the removal of such insolvent trustee or assignee it shall be the duty of said clerk to require the person appointed to execute the provisions of such deed of trust or deed of assignment before entering upon his duties to file with said clerk a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by said clerk, in a sum double the value of the property in said deed of trust or deed of assignment, payable to the State of North Carolina, and conditioned that such person shall faithfully execute and carry into effect the provisions of said deed of trust or deed of assignment.

UNLAWFUL TO SELL.

Section 4. That it shall be unlawful for any trustee or assignee, whether named in such a deed of trust or deed of assignment, or appointed by a Clerk of the Superior Court, to sell any part of the property described in such deed of trust or deed of assignment within ten days from the registration thereof, unless such property, or some part thereof, be perishable, in which case he may sell such property as is perishable, according to the powers conferred upon him in said deed of trust or deed of assignment.

Section 5. That such trustee or assignee, whether named in the deed of trust or deed of assignment, or appointed by a Clerk of the Superior Court, shall, within three months from the registration of such deed of trust or deed of assignment, file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the same is registered an account, under oath, stating in detail his receipts and disbursements and his action as trustee or assignee, and at each succeeding period of three months he shall file a like account, and within twelve months he shall file his final account of his administration of his trust; provided that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall have power, upon good cause shown, to extend the time within which the quarterly and final accounts herein provided for are to be filed.

IS JUSTLY DUE.

Section 6. That all creditors of the maker of such deed of trust or deed of assignment shall, before receiving payment of any amount from the said trustee or assignee, file with the said Clerk of the Superior Court a statement under oath that the amount claimed by him is justly due, after allowing all credits and offsets, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Section 7. That any creditor who shall knowingly swear falsely in such statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 8. That any trustee or assignee who shall fail to file his inventory or return, as required in this act, or shall knowingly make any false statement in such inventory or return, or shall knowingly fail to include any property therein, or shall sell any part of the property described in the deed of trust or deed of assignment within ten days, unless such property so sold be perishable, or shall fail to file either of the quarterly accounts or the final accounts, as required by the fifth section of this act, or shall knowingly make any false statement in such quarterly or final account, or shall knowingly fail to include any property, money, or disbursement in such quarterly or final account, such trustee shall in either case be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 9. That the clerks of the superior courts shall receive the same fees for their services as are allowed by law upon inventories, accounts, and proceedings of executors and administrators.

Section 10. That this act shall be in force from and after the 1st day of January, 1894.

LING GUN'S THROAT CUT.

Deputy Gudger Receives a Letter from the Chinese Minister.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—A special to the Citizen to-day from Hot Springs states that the inquest over the body of Lin Gun reveals the fact that his throat had been cut. The head has been sent to Newport, Tenn., as evidence against the prisoners. W. R. Gudger, of this city, who was a special deputy in the investigation of the assault on Lin Gun, and who wrote to the Chinese Minister at Washington concerning the matter, has received a reply from the minister, in which the latter says he wishes to thank Mr. Gudger for the information the letter contained, and for his efforts to bring to punishment the persons who committed the outrage, and states that the Department of State had advised him of the proceedings of the city of Asheville, and also of the acts of the good people of North Carolina, by whom faithful efforts were made to apprehend the perpetrators of the outrage. For all of which he expresses his grateful thanks.

Rocky Mount's Holiday News.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—Engineer Barlow, who was killed in the freight-train wreck on the Norfolk and Carolina railroad yesterday, had a number of friends here. His age was 24.

Misses Bessie and Mary Ford, of Stanhope Academy, are spending the holidays with relatives at Madisonville, Va.

Miss Bessie Spencer, of Charlotte county, Va., spent to-day with friends in town. Mr. Jacob Battle, Jr., is home for Christmas from Captain Gordon McCabe's school, at Petersburg.

Rev. John E. Underwood, who has been assigned to the Methodist Episcopal church pastorate, will, with his family, reach here Wednesday next.

Rev. George A. Oglesby, presiding elder of the Wilson district, is the guest of Professor Wilcox.

Falling Off in Mortgages—Personal.

GREENVILLE, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—Register of Deeds Harding tells your correspondent that there has been a falling off of 20 per cent. a year for two years past in the number of mortgages given in Pitt county. The indications point to a still further decrease in 1894.

Mr. J. E. Langley, of Richmond, was here yesterday.

Mr. R. B. Hayes, one of our tobacco-buyers, left yesterday to spend the holidays at Chase City, Va.

Messrs. P. H. Gorman and G. E. Harrison, members of the Tobacco Trade, left this morning to spend the holidays in Richmond and Washington.

Mrs. S. A. Peebles went to Richmond to-day to spend the holidays with Mrs. Oscar Swineford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jenkins have gone to spend the holidays near Buffalo Springs, Va.

Mr. G. B. King, clerk to Congressman W. A. B. Branch, has returned home from Washington to spend the holidays.

Rev. H. B. Anderson and family, of Whitaker's, have arrived to spend the holidays with the family of Mr. D. D. Haskett, here.

Miss C. Coghill's music-class gave another enjoyable piano recital at Hotel Macon last night, at the close of which she gave her pupils a supper. Miss Coghill left this morning to spend the holidays at Rocky Mount, her home.

The "Neck's" Brisk Christmas.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—Trade has been very brisk here this week, and news comes from some parts of Edgecombe that trade is good there also.

The express to and from this place has been very heavy for the past few days.

Mr. Weldon Smith, of Raleigh, is visiting his father.

Miss Rowena Hines, who has been here on a visit, has so far recovered from her illness that her brother, Dr. P. E. Hines, took her home to Raleigh yesterday.

Miss Eva Simpson, of Everetts, returned home yesterday, after a visit to friends here.

Miss Fannie Harrel went to Martin county yesterday on a visit.

Mrs. A. Hielbrover, of Wilson, is visiting her brothers, Messrs. M. and G. Hoffman.

Mrs. Patterson, of Henderson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Dunn.

Masters David and Sam Hoffman are home from Horner's school, at Oxford.

Miss Carrie Allbrook is home from the Normal School at Greensboro'.

Mrs. Harris, of Greenville, is here visiting her son, Mr. J. L. Harris.

Dr. A. C. Liverman is visiting his mother, in Bertie. His nephew, son of Mr. Council Liverman, has been here this week.

THE RACE-TRACK.

Winning Horses at New Orleans and Elsewhere—Entries for To-Morrow.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 23.—The conditions at the fair-grounds to-day were perfect, and consequently the sport was fine. The attendance was 2,500. Three favorites won, and the public came out far ahead of the bookies. In the first race Dixie D. and Green Pruitt were the favorites, the latter being first choice when they went to the post. The start was good, but the two favorites soon led, and it was a hard race to the finish between them. Pruitt won by half a length, with Dixie eight lengths in front of Tid Bits.

Winnie Davis took the purse in the second race, a length in front of Morning Glory who was half a length ahead of Rayon d'Or.

The third was Queen Bird's. She was a 1-to-2 favorite and carried lots of money. Big Enough got away first and led to the stretch, with Narissa second, but Queen Bird forged ahead under a pull and won by a length, Big Enough a length in front of Jim Henry.

Jack Lovell, played at 6 to 1, won the fourth race easily, though St. Pancras led most of the way, and beat Josie D., the favorite, a length for the place. Borealis was second choice, but got a poor start and was never heard from. In the selling the winner, Lovell, was bid up from $800 to $2,000, and his owner, William Lovell, bought him in at that price.

The handicap was one of the prettiest races ever run on this track. La Julve got away first and led by two lengths up to the stretch, when Tasca came up. At the finish Tasca was a nose in front of La Julve, who was a head in front of Wedgefield. Coronet, the favorite, was beaten for third place by a nose, and Maggie Beck was only half a length behind him.

First race—five eighths of a mile, selling, 3-year-olds—Green Pruitt won, Dixie D. second, Tid Bits third. Time, 1:02.

Second race—five and a half furlongs, selling, 4-year-olds—Winnie Davis won, Morning Glory second, Rayon d'Or third. Time, 1:10½.

Third race—one mile, selling—Queen Bird won, Big Enough second, Jim Henry third. Time, 1:47¾.

Fourth race—six furlongs, selling, 3-year-olds—Jack Lovell won, St. Pancras second, Josie D. third. Time, 1:23.

Fifth race—one mile, handicap, all ages—Tasca won, La Julve second, Wedgefield third. Time, 1:45.

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 23.—Weather cloudy; track muddy.

First race—six furlongs, selling—Castrow won, Ichabod second, Conde third. Time, 1:16 3-4.

Second race—about six furlongs, maidens—Saragossa won, Remus second, Border Lassie third. Time, 1:17 1-2.

Third race—one mile and a quarter, Thornton handicap; purse, $6,000—Wildwood got off second to Charmion at the wire, and fell into third place; at the three quarters, made a notch, and won down the stretch by a length. Cadmus got off sixth, moved into fourth place at the half, and beat Charmion for the place by a neck in a hard drive. Wildwood won, Cadmus second, Charmion third. Time, 2:32 3-4.

Fourth race—handicap, steeplechase, short course—Elorado won, First Lap second, Templemore third. Time, 3:49.

Fifth race—five furlongs, non-winners—Broadhead won, Gussie second, Gordius third. Time, 1:04 1-4.

THE MOUND CITY.

EAST ST. LOUIS, December 23.—The racing at East St. Louis to-day was of the gilt-edge order. In four of the five races even-nose finishes were witnessed. The track was in excellent condition, and the weather was all that could be desired. Attendance large.

First race—five eighths of a mile, selling—St. Andrew won, Tom Edison second, Bessie Lee third. Time, 1:00.

Second race—one mile, selling—Livingston won, Jean Lessley second, My Partner third. Time, 1:51.

Third race—eleven sixteenths of a mile—Lizzie V. won, Montana Belle, second, Tamerlane third. Time, 1:15 1-4.

Fourth race—five eighths of a mile; selling—Roy won, Oakview second, Tie Ceiver third. Time, 1:07 1-4.

Fifth race—handicap sweepstakes, three quarters of a mile—Mollie B. won, Eagle Bird second, Zender third. Time, 1:21 1-2.

ENTRIES.

Following are the New Orleans race-entries for to-morrow:

First race—eleven sixteenths of a mile, 2-year-olds—Flory Meyers, 100; Belle Boyd, 100; Freddie Mitchell, ——; Lida B, 100; Ozaka, 103; Tucker, 103; Bodidly, 103; Lewin, 103; Lucasta, 105; Bonnie Kate, 105; Rondeau, 105; Parquette, 105; Billy Hartigan, 108; Buckedie, 108; Ludlow, 108.

Second race—thirteen sixteenths of a mile, selling—Mildred, 94; Forest Belle, 99; Hattie Gant, 99; John Irwin, 99; Galen Brown, 102; Uncle Jim, 102; Little Sam, 102; Dakota, 102; Longbroeck, 102; Morse, 102; Silver Prince, 105; Poor Abe, 108; Primero, 108; Rover, 108.

Third race—three quarters of a mile, selling—Incommode, 79; Red John, 79; San Benita, 79; Lady Lorraine, 83; Miss Nannie, 81; Marble Rock, 84; Onyx, 84; Bryan, 84; Mezzotint, 85; Emma Mock, 88; Hesperia, 96; Oak Forest, 96; Eyelet, 96; Legrand, 99; Billy Bennett, 102.

Fourth race—seven eighths of a mile, selling—Stella M, 96; Legrand, 99; Rosebud, 101; Maggie Beck, 101; Carmen, 101; Borealis, 101; State of Texas, 104; Tasco, 104; Silverado, 104; The Judge, 104; Lockport, 104; Senate, 104; Keno, 108; Captain Drane, 112; Brazos, 122.

Fifth race—one and one-quarter miles, Christmas-Day handicap—Outcry, 90; Wedgefield, 90; Coronet, 95; Little Nell, 94; Jack Lovell, 108; Mitchell, 96; Boro, 100; Prince of Darkness, ——; Illume, 113; Strathmeath, 121; Brazos, 117.

Sixth race—thirteen sixteenths of a mile, selling—Miss Perkins, 86; Merry Eyes, 97; Ocean H., 97; Virden, 97; Montevideo, 99; Belle of Springfield, ——; Top Gallant, 99; Importance, 99; Outcraft, 102; Sam Farmer, 102; Tom Daly, 102; Transit, 105; Wallace, 105; Pat, 108; Bonfire, 99.

PLAIN CASE OF IGNORANCE.

Blew Out the Gas—Found Dead in Bed from Asphyxiation.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 23.—Homer Sheppard, of Livingston, S. C., was found dead in bed from asphyxiation at the Pulaski House this morning. He was a cross-tie cutter, and came here on business. He retired at 10:30 last night and is thought to have blown out the gas, as it was found turned on this morning and the only window in the room down. The indications are that it was a plain case of ignorance.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CONSUL-GENERAL JONES ON WEDNESDAY.

Treasurer Tate's Disease Typhoid-Fever—Carolina Leads in New Railroads—An Increased Revenue of Over $30,000.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—Mr. Meserve, the new president of Shaw University, who succeeds the late Dr. Tupper, is expected here in a few days. He is about 35 years of age, and a progressive man and able educator.

Arrangements for the funeral of Mr. A. D. Jones were made to-day. The Masons, Knights of Pythias, and military will participate. The hour of the funeral is 1 P. M. Wednesday at the Methodist church at Cary, and a special train will leave here at noon for that place.

AT REST AT ENFIELD.

Rev. D. A. Long, formerly a college president in North Carolina and now president of a college at Yellow Springs, O., arrived at Enfield to-day with the body of his wife, who died three days ago, and who will be buried at Enfield.

State-Treasurer Tate's disease is now pronounced by his physicians to be typhoid-fever.

The Capital Club, of this city, will give a Christmas german Tuesday evening. It will also give a New-Year's reception on an elaborate scale.

Owen Fryar, of Sampson county, was to-day appointed a storekeeper and gauger.

Physicians say that grip is spreading here and west of here. It is worst in the Piedmont section, it appears.

NEW RAILWAY.

During the past two years 165 miles of new railway have been completed and put in operation in this State. Of this fifty miles were completed the first half of this year. In this respect North Carolina, the railway commissioners say, leads every State in the Union. The greater part of North Carolina is now supplied with railway facilities. The panic has also injured business. But in spite of these drawbacks the construction of new roads and the improvement of old ones goes steadily on. The assessment of railways per mile is practically the same as last year. The assessment for 1890 was only $12,321,704, and is now $24,228,954. This gives an increased revenue in State taxes alone of over $30,000, and of over $70,000 in county and municipal taxes. All railway property now equally shares the burdens of taxation. The commission has during the year ordered depots built at sixteen points. Others are to be built next spring. During the year ninety-two complaints were filed with the commission. In most instances the railways corrected the causes of complaint as soon as brought to their attention.

ESCAPED INJURY.

Judge Thomas C. Fuller, of the United States Land Court, has arrived here from Santa Fe, New Mexico. On the way he was in a railway accident, his car being completely overturned, but he escaped injury. Judge Stone was hurt.

Last August Mr. and Mrs. John Holley, of Johnston county, were killed by a lightning stroke while in their house. Mrs. Holley's mother was stunned and the skin on one leg was burned. The wound never healed, but spread to a remarkable extent, and yesterday the unfortunate woman died.

Postmaster Turner, at Troutman's, Iredell county, fell dead yesterday in his office.

There was a small fire this morning in the lint-room of the Raleigh Hosiery-Yarn Mills.

TRIAL OF PRENDERGAST.

Testimony as to the Prisoner's Sanity—Evidence of the Jailer.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 23.—Dr. Charles Getchell was the first witness examined in the trial of Prendergast, Carter Harrison's slayer, to-day. He interviewed Prendergast in jail two days ago and found the prisoner reticent and nervous and not inclined to talk with him. He found that the prisoner's conduct at the time he called on him was different from what he had observed it to be in the court-room.

"Do you think the prisoner is sane?" "I do."

On cross-examination Dr. Getchell said that his connection with the case began a week ago to-day.

"Then you were not thought of in the early part of the case?"

"I object," said Mr. Todd, who evidently did not like the question.

Dr. Getchell said that Prendergast told him that he was a religious martyr.

The witness did not stand the cross-examination very well, and his evidence was weakened by his statement that his opinion was formed on a ten-minute interview, which he considered sufficient.

To Dr. Silas Yount the prisoner had said that religion was the basis of law, and that from his knowledge of religion he thought that he knew enough to be corporation counsel. The witness was of the opinion that the prisoner was sane.

On cross-examination the Doctor admitted that his specialty was remote from mental troubles.

Jailer Morris was called to tell of having, it was alleged, once forced the prisoner to come out and be interviewed. He said that the prisoner came out of his own accord after the prisoner understood that the caller was sent by Attorney Wade.

Mr. Morris thought that Prendergast had acted in jail like any other prisoner, and that he was sane. He denied having said to any member of the grand jury that he thought the prisoner was "crazy as a bed-bug."

"Did he say anything to you when you brought him to the court to be arraigned?"

"Yes. When we entered the room he said, 'Stand by me, Morris,' and I did."

ACCIDENT AT HOMESTEAD.

One Man Killed and Three Others Seriously Injured.

HOMESTEAD, PA., December 23.—An accident occurred by reason of a cave-in at the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at 1 o'clock this morning through which one man was killed and three others were seriously injured. Their names are:

Killed—John Kneddle, Polander, aged 40 years, married.

Injured—John Noroski, may die; John Harker, Charles Marglat, all Hungarians.

Superintendent Malanphy says the pit would have been completed in a few hours if the accident had not occurred. The men were trimming corners so that the bricklayers could commence work at daylight. There were fourteen men at work, and when the earth caved in the erroneous report quickly spread that all had been killed. A large crowd quickly surrounded the works, including the relatives of the supposed victims, and the excitement was intense.

BAKERS' STRIKE THREATENED.

It Is Amply Forestalled, However, by the Authorities.

MADRID, December 23.—A strike by the journeymen bakers of this city is impending. The Governor has applied to the military authorities to erect temporary bakeries outside of the city and detail military bakers to make bread for the use of the population. The governors of adjoining provinces also have been requested to hold supplies of bread in readiness for use in Madrid.

In view of these precautions it is the general opinion that if the strike occurs it will cause little inconvenience to the people of the city.

SAVANNAH'S COTTON FIRE.

Losses in the Neighborhood of Twenty-Odd Thousand Dollars.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 23.—The fire in Flannery's cotton warehouse, which started at 12 o'clock last night, was gotten under control at 2 this morning, but the firemen are still at work on the ruins. It is estimated that 1,500 bales of cotton are damaged, but to what extent cannot yet be determined. The insurance underwriters are unable to make any statement of the losses, which will probably be in the neighborhood of $20,000 or $25,000.

Spending the Holidays at Green Bay.

GREEN BAY, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—Despite the "tight times" and stringency of the money market two sales of land have recently been made here, Mr. R. W. Price buying a farm of 120 acres, and Mr. W. M. Richardson purchasing eight acres in the village.

Captain H. T. Owen, of the Second Auditor's office, arrived yesterday, and will spend the holidays with his family.

Miss Lalla Carson, who teaches school here, left to-day for Richmond, where she will spend the Christmas.

Miss Fannie Hilgood, teacher of Wakefield school, will spend the Christmas in Farmville.

Miss Blanche Hardy, daughter of Superintendent of Schools of Lunenburg county, who has been teaching at Nono, Lunenburg county, has come home to spend the holidays.

Miss Myra Gregory, a very accomplished young lady of Washington State, has returned to Manchester, after visiting friends here.

Mr. C. A. March, of the Pension Office, Washington D. C., is now at "Walnut Grove" for his health, having been on the sick list for two weeks.

Miss Annie Rhodes, of Washington, is also expected to spend Christmas at "Walnut Grove."

Mrs. R. S. Price has been quite sick for the past two days.

BOLD BAD-ROBBER.

He Relieves a Railroad Agent of a Package of Money.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 23.—A bold robber relieved the railroad agent at Danville, Tenn., of an express package cohtaining $500 yesterday evening. The agent had just received the package from the messenger on the train, when the robber accosted him with a drawn pistol and demanded the package, which having been secured, he made a hasty retreat. Railroad detectives are at work on the case.

Personals and Briefs.

Mrs. M. Louise Ward, of New York, is in the city.

Mr. Benjamin R. Lipscomb will spend the Christmas at Presque Isle.

Bishop H. M. Jackson, of Alabama, is in the city to spend the holidays.

The Knights Templars will have a pleasant reunion on Christmas-Day.

Miss Virginia Drewry is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Skinker, in Fredericksburg.

Miss Mattie Morgan, of Clarksville, is visiting Miss Ollie Puryear, of this city.

Mr. James Alfred Jones is very ill at his residence, corner of Fifth and Franklin streets.

Mr. Leon Leibermuth left Friday for Philadelphia, where he will spend the holidays.

Mr. T. D. Davies has been for several days and is still confined at home by sickness.

Mr. John W. Fisher is still confined at his home, 106 north Beech street, with the grip.

Mrs. Robert S. Archer and the Misses Archer will be at home on Wednesday from 5 to 7.

Mr. E. A. Barber, Jr., of the University of Virginia, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. John Bristow left yesterday to spend Christmas with his friends in Cumberland county.

Mr. E. Walter Carter left the city Friday to spend the holidays with his parents in South Boston.

Mr. N. Thomas Mosby has returned from Norfolk, where he has been several days on legal business.

Miss Josephine Watkins, of Church Hill, is visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Captain Reginald C. Marryatt is spending his Christmas holidays at his home in Amelia county.

Miss Katie Danner, of Augusta county, is visiting her brother, Mr. Frank Danner, No. 3 west Cary street.

Dr. and Mrs. Otto Meyer are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Euker.

Mr. R. M. Lamb and friend, C. F. Sargent, left for Washington, D. C., to spend the Christmas with friends.

Mr. John D. Atkinson and Mr. Percy Smith, of Church Hill, will leave to-day to visit friends in Lunenburg county.

Messrs. J. Lee Davis and John J. Finnerty, of Lynchburg, formerly of Richmond, are here spending the holidays.

Miss Dora Roach and cousin, Miss Rachel Faucett, will leave on the steamer Pocahontas to visit friends on the James.

Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 207, meets next Monday night, but as it is Christmas the meeting will be a short one.

Mrs. P. B. Callaghan leaves Tuesday for Williamsport, where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Callaghan.

Mr. T. B. Bott, 624 north Seventh street, has been confined for several days with the grip, and is not able to be out at present.

In the Chancery Court yesterday Dr. Robert F. Williams, Jr., qualified as administrator on the estate of Robert F. Williams, Sr.

The Seven Stars of the West End have agreed to play for the veterans at the Soldiers' Home during dinner hour on Christmas-Day.

Mr. L. W. Moody, of the Richmond and Danville offices in Washington, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in this city.

Mr. Scott P. Ray, who is studying law at the University of Virginia, is spending the holidays at his home, No. 716 north Twenty-fourth street.

Robert King, a negro, was before 'Squire J. . Lewis, of Henrico, yesterday on the charge of assault and battery. His case was continued.

Miss Corintha Bedell, of Albany, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bedell, No. 8 south Fourth street, where she will spend the winter.

Misses Rosa Bailey and Ida Garthright, of Church Hill, left the city yesterday to spend the holidays in Lynchburg, the guests of Mr. W. A. Blankenship.

Mr. Augustus Arsell, who has been confined to his home for several weeks by a severe spell of la grippe, was on the street for a short while yesterday.

Miss Fannie Pritchard, who attends the Baptist Female Institute of this city, left yesterday for her home, in Wilmington, N. C., where she will spend her Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Henry and Dev. Dunton, and Pierce Godwin, of Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford City, are spending the holidays with Mr. Wade Krouse, 14 west Marshall street.

There will be no steamer from either West Point or Baltimore via the York-River Line either Christmas-Day or New Year's. This is done to give employees their deserved holiday.

Dr. T. J. Cheatham, of Chesterfield; W. P. Shelton, Treasurer of Hanover; General T. L. White, of Hanover, and T. R. Tillet, Sergeant of Roanoke city, visited the Capitol yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hathaway, of Chester, Pa., have issued cards to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Georgia, to Mr. Albert F. Huntt, of this city, on Thursday evening, December 28th.

A telegram received in this city last night from Atlanta stated that the Princeton Glee Club did not reach there Friday night until 10 o'clock, and as a result a large audience was disappointed.

The annual report of Attorney-General R. Taylor Scott for the year 1893 has been printed. It gives a summary of all the cases in which Major Scott has appeared in his official capacity during the period covered.

Mr. Charles P. Stokes's Allene will compete for honors in the Blue-Ridge Kennel's Futurity Stake, to be run at New Albany, Miss., on Thursday, February 1st, on the grounds of the Southern Field-Trial Club.

Adelaide Smith was arrested yesterday by Officer Walton on the charge of stealing a cloak, of the value of $2, from the store of Mary Deitricks (colored), on Sixth street between Marshall and Clay. She was locked up at the Second Police-Station.

A short line of railroad, connecting the town of Jackson, N. C., with the Seaboard Air-Line, is now being graded, and will be completed in a few months. The road begins at a point about midway between Garysburg and Seaboard, and is nine miles in length.

Richmond Lodge, No. 10, Golden Chain, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: E. W. Minor, past commander; W. G. Pollard, commander; J. M. Richardson, vice-commander; T. L. Martin, assistant commander; H. G. Ball, prelate; O. W. Ball, guide; A. D. Jenkins, guardian; A. W. Nunnally, sentinel; R. W. Jenkins, secretary; C. W. Morris, collector; J. M. Fossett, treasurer; F. B. Traylor, J. N. Clark, J. T. Estes, trustees; O. W. Ball, representative to Past Commander's Convention; J. M. Fossett, alternate.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, December 23.—(Special.)—G. D. Wise, St. Denis; J. S. Ellett, L. D. Crenshaw, and M. Myers, Imperial; G. C. McGilvray, Marlborough.

Old papers for sale at 50c a hundred at DISPATCH office.

WEST NORFOLK FIRE.

THE FIRE-TUGS ARE STILL PLAYING ON THE BURNING LUMBER.

Loss, $100,000; Insurance Only $4,000—Houses, Hotel, and Livery Stables Consumed—A Jolly Christmas.

NORFOLK, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—The tugs are still playing on the burning lumber at West Norfolk. Over a million and a half feet of lumber was consumed. The total insurance only amounted to $4,000, and at least $100,000 was the loss in property. The lumber- and planing-mills were the finest plants. Three stores owned by Williams & Peake and Henry Duke, eleven houses, hotel, livery stables, log-mill, &c., were burned. The houses belonged mostly to Henry Duke and N. P. Williams. Besides the damage to their property the Atlantic and Danville railroad lost six cars loaded with lumber. The West Norfolk Lumber Company had but $1,000 insurance and lost over $50,000.

BALMY WEATHER.

"If a green Christmas makes a fat grave-yard" the old saw may crystalize in this section. The weather to-day, as during the whole week, is as mild and balmy as early spring. Overcoats and hot fires are at a discount. The business thoroughfares are crowded with people, especially the retail sections, and the merchants seem to be doing a fine business. The great festival of the year will be observed here as usual with feasting and mirth, piping and playing, and a good time generally.

Mr. James H. Pulley, a well-known trucker of the county, who died at his home, near Lambert's Point, was buried yesterday, Rev. J. C. Martin conducting the rites.

LAID TO REST.

The remains of Engineer W. F. Barlow, who was killed on the Norfolk and Carolina railroad, were buried to-day, the funeral taking place at Churchland from the residence of Mr. W. H. Barlow, father of the deceased. Young Barlow was only 23 years of age.

Mr. A. O. Day, of North Carolina, has been appointed clerk in the ordnance department of the navy-yard vice W. C. Arrington, removed. Mr. Arrington was appointed to the position about two months ago by Congressman Tyler, and Day is an appointee of Senator Ransom, it is said.

Rev. W. L. Gravatt and family left yesterday for his new charge in West Virginia. He resigned from St. Peter's.

THE BISHOP WILL PREACH.

Bishop Randolph will preach at St. Paul's church to-morrow morning and at St. John's church to-morrow night.

The schooner Emma Green, which went ashore on Pig's Point and was badly damaged, has been repaired and loaded, and is ready to resume her voyage to New York.

The thieves are busy in every direction breaking into and robbing dwellings, barns, and outhouses. The sneak-thieves are especially active in the city and many are caught. They are uniformly colored.

Pneumonia is very bad throughout this section just now, and many deaths are reported.

Dr. James L. Hatton, a prominent physician of Portsmouth, died this morning at his residence on Court street; aged 62 years. He leaves a wife and five children—two daughters and three sons.

THE LAST GERMAN OF 1893.

Dance of the William and Mary Club—Special Police Force on Duty.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—The William and Mary German Club danced their last german of the year at Cameron Hall last evening. A number of visiting young ladies and gentlemen graced the occasion, and there were very few who did not participate actively in the evening's enjoyment. The ball-room in the height of the dancing was a lovely picture, and the music was furnished by a well-known local orchestra. Among those present were:

Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr., white silk, diamonds, with R. L. Henly, Jr.

Mrs. James D. Moncure, black lace, pearls, with Mr. N. L. Henly.

Miss Ella Moncure, of Washington, white organdie, with Mr. Hugh S. Bird, of Petersburg.

Miss Lucy Booth, lilac organdie, with Mr. C. Hepburn, of Hanover.

Miss Louise Henley, white organdie, with Mr. Harry Humphreys, of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Meta W. Smith, white silk, Marechal Neil roses, with Mr. J. W. Davis.

Miss Emily Christian, white silk, with Mr. George Booker, Old Point.

Miss Pattie Morecock, white silk, with Mr. Robert C. Child, of Richmond.

Miss Virgia Armistead, yellow silk, with Mr. W. L. Robertson, of Winchester.

Miss Mary McIntire, of Norfolk, pink organdie, with Mr. C. W. Coleman.

Among the stags were Mr. Page Van R. Stires, Mr. Tazewell Taylor, and Oscar Edwards, of Norfolk, Junius Wilcox, of Charles City county, and Jack Brown, of Hampton.

Professor J. Leslie Hall, of the college faculty, will attend next week the Association of Modern Languages, which meets in Washington.

Mr. H. F. Wynkoop, assistant engineer at the insane asylum, had his right arm broken at an early hour this morning between the wrist and elbow. Mr. Wynkoop was substituting for Mr. Edward Monier, the electrician at the asylum, and was cleaning some portion of the machinery, when his arm was caught in the belting with result as stated.

The Masons will celebrate St. John the Evangelist's day (27th) by an elegant supper at the lodge-rooms, Masonic building. At this meeting a candidate for high orders will be initiated.

An alarm of fire was turned in this morning from east Francis street, caused by the burning of a shed attached to the residence of Mrs. Lizzie McCandlish. The building was insured in the Old Mutual Assurance Society. The loss did not amount to much, as only about three feet of the roof was destroyed.

An immense crowd is in town to-day laying in their Christmas supplies. A special police force is on duty, but the town at a late hour is reported very quiet.

TANGIER ISLANDERS EXCITED.

Captain Connorton Attacked by Crisfield Toughs—Retaliation Threatened.

ONANCOCK, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—The people of Tangier Island, in the Chesapeake Bay, are said to be greatly excited about an attempted assault on Captain Charles Connorton, a well-known citizen of the island, by a gang of toughs in Crisfield, a oyster town just across the Maryland line. Captain Connorton went to Crisfield yesterday with a boat-load of oysters, and while there a man named Wharton, notorious as an oyster pirate and a boat thief, aided by Lewis Disee and certain other low fellows, attacked him at the wharf with the avowed intention of giving him a thrashing. Captain Connerton drew his revolver and kept the ruffians at bay till some of his friends came up and took him on board his boat.

RETALIATION.

When the news of the trouble reached Tangier the people were infuriated and were in favor of seizing several men from Crisfield, who happened to be on the island, and holding them as hostages till Captain Connorton should return. Milder counsels finally prevailed, and the Crisfield men were allowed to depart. The trouble is said to have originated in the fact that Captain Connorton's father has been the leader in organizing the islanders and capturing Maryland oyster pirates. The people of Tangier are greatly incensed at the conduct of the Crisfield rowdies, and all communication between the island and Crisfield is suspended, from which the town will be a heavy sufferer, as its prosperity depends largely on the trade with them. If the islanders catch the Crisfield oystermen in Virginia waters they will show them no quarters.

Death of a Venerable Lady.

LURAY, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Caroline Burracker, widow of the late S. A. Burracker, of this place, died last night at her house on Luray street, after an illness of only a few days, and her death was unexpected. She was about 73 years of age. Mrs. Burracker leaves a large family of children, among them Mr. E. M. Burracker and Mrs. W. T. Biedler, of Baltimore. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and a consistent Christian.

Bright Beams from Basic City.

BASIC CITY, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—Clifton Small, son of J. W. Small, who had the misfortune to break his arm last Sunday while wrestling with another small boy, is convalescing.

'Squire R. W. Allen is somewhat indisposed from vaccination. He says: "I have an arm on me."

Rev. J. C. Dinwiddie, who will take charge of the several churches in and near Basic, has arrived with his family. They will live in Captain Gooche's residence, on Brandon Hill.

There came near being a serious accident at the residence of Noah Wine's one evening this week. While Mrs. Wine was preparing supper the lamp exploded, throwing burning oil over the room and on her. The flames were quickly extinguished. Mrs. Wine escaped with a few burns on the hand and face.

Mr. J. H. Rankin, who was injured in a runaway some time ago, is not able to attend to business yet.

The graded school, under the management of J. A. Anderson, with Miss Hattie G. Mendenhall as assistant, made an average daily attendance of seventy-seven pupils last month.

"Love laughs at locksmiths." The above is suggested by the unexpected and romantic marriage of our talented and popular attorney, Mr. Floyd M. Weaver, and Miss Eva C. Mendenhall, formally of High Point, N. C., but recently of this place. This event, which caused such a surprise to the town, occurred at the residence of Mr. H. R. Hicks Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. The ceremony was solemnly performed with a ring by Rev. A. R. Coche. The bride, who is a fascinating young lady, was becomingly attired in white silk. She carried a lovely bouquet of white roses.

MATRIMONY IN ALBEMARLE.

Mayor Wing's Painful Accident—A Change of Names Desired.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 23.—(Special.)—Thus far this month the Clerk of the County Court has issued marri