

HENRY GRADY DEAD

THE ORATOR'S TONGUE IS SILENT.

THE EDITOR'S PEN STILLED

THE SOUTH MOURNS A TRUE SON'S DEATH.

Special Dispatch to The Citizen.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 23.—Henry W. Grady, who so lately charmed and won those who heard him in Boston, is dead.

On his return to the city he was met at the railroad station by thousands of people who had assembled to give him greeting, but he went from the Pullman coach on the arm of his physician. He was too ill to respond to congratulations. He was hurried to his home where he died this morning at twenty minutes to four o'clock.

The scenes at the home during the last hours were most pathetic. It was shortly after eleven o'clock that Dr. Everett announced that Mr. Grady was sinking rapidly, and the end was near. Then it was that all the members of the family and relations gathered about the sick bed, hoping against hope, yet praying that the cup might be taken from them. Friends who had at the doctor's suggestion left the house a few hours ago, were hastily summoned.

Saturday he was known to be very ill, but it was not until yesterday morning that the people in general began to realize that his illness might prove fatal. All day long friends of the family called at the home to inquire after the sick man's condition. Among the very many who were there were Dr. Willis Westmoreland, a lifelong friend of Mr. Grady's, and Dr. O. M. Spalding, and he and Dr. O. M. Spalding, and there were hundreds of others, men, women and children, and there was sorrow in the heart of each when it was learned that there was little hope of his recovery; for this was more known as the day advanced. The doctors had given him up, it was said, and still the people would not believe that life was to be taken from them, and, as this terrible news spread, a pall seemed to fall upon the city.

The brightness of the day was shut out by heavy clouds, and the peaceful Sunday quiet made Atlanta seem in truth a city in mourning.

It was a fitting and prophetic answer which the venerable mother of Henry Grady gave to Dr. R. D. Spalding yesterday: "I cannot believe that Mr. Grady will die," said the doctor; "he has work yet to do." "Perhaps his work is finished," said the mother, as she bowed her head.

The same question, the same answer: "No hope?" "No! No!" Strong men wept like children; one by one they stole back, gazed for a few seconds upon the ash pale face, and came back with bowed heads and burdened hearts. They realized for the first time that death was inevitable. There was no hope. He was still unconscious. At 3.40 he drew his last breath and the great heart was still. The funeral has not yet been definitely arranged, but he will be buried in Atlanta probably Thursday.

Mr. Grady died at twenty minutes to four this morning, and the whole town is in mourning.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 23.—Henry W. Grady's death has caused universal regret in Charleston. His loss is regarded as a public calamity. As soon as the news was received here the Stars and Stripes were placed at half mast on the News and Courier building.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 32.—Henry W. Grady died at 3.40 this morning. Early last night he began to sink, and at midnight the family was summoned to his bedside, and from that time his life ebbed away. It was evident that every hour brought death nearer, and it was only a question of a few hours at most. Around his bedside were members of his family and a few of the intimate friends of the family. The doctors pronounced the end near, and the patient was unconscious to the last. Grady's condition grew worse, until death came upon the scene. At the deathbed scene in the house, we let the curtain fall, the grief of the wife, the orphaned children and of the mother, all is too sacred to be written of, save upon the hearts of those whose sorrow it was to-day. All Atlanta mourns, and Henry W. Grady was more than a mere prominent citizen. He was loved by everybody, as probably, no other man has been loved by those with whom his lot was cast. He was a native of Athens, and was thirty-eight years old. His first active newspaper work was in Rome, where he was a partner in the Commercial. He came to Atlanta in 1872, and started the Daily Herald, which was the brightest daily Atlanta ever knew. In 1880, he came to the Constitution, and since then has been at the head of every movement looking to the furtherance of the progress of the South. He leaves a wife and two children.

His illness dates back to his Boston speech. He had a cold when he started for Boston, and was imprudent in exposing himself when reaching there. A public demonstration had been arranged for him on his return home, but he was too sick to accept it, and has been confined to his home since. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of death.

IN AUGUSTA.

AUGUSTA, Ga., December 23.—A public meeting was held in the exchange to-day and resolutions adopted deploring the untimely death of Henry W. Grady. The Chronicle will say to-morrow: "Georgia and the South mourn his loss. In the death of Henry W. Grady the South has

lost her most gifted, eloquent and useful son."

GRADY'S DEATH IN BOSTON.
BOSTON, Mass., December 23.—Hon. P. A. Collins, when informed of Henry W. Grady's death said:

"I am stunned by the news. He was in my judgment the most brilliant man in the United States; but he was much more. He had solid qualities, good judgment, keen perception of the public needs and high and ardent patriotism. He was born for good public and private good, and his short life accomplished much. The republic may well mourn the untimely taking off of a so brilliant and patriotic a man as ever sprang from her soil."

Jonathan Lane, president of the merchant's association, whose guest Grady was at their recent dinner, said:

"Boston will share in Atlanta's sorrow for, during Grady's short stay in the city as our guest, he made many friends. His visit was exceedingly pleasant, and he enjoyed himself much. He was one of those hearty, sympathetic souls, who impress every one favorably. I don't think I ever came in contact with a Southern gentleman who made such a pleasant impression. When he arrived here he was not feeling well, and our committee induced him to go to bed and rest before the banquet. Our trip to Plymouth was a pleasant one, and one which I shall never forget. Grady seemed to be in the best of spirits, and made many inquiries regarding the Australian ballot law in which he was very much interested. We escorted him to the train the night of his departure and he complained of feeling feverish and walked up and down the platform briskly. The merchants' association will take appropriate action upon Grady's death."

AT COLUMBUS.
COLUMBUS, Ga., December 23.—The announcement of Mr. Grady's death created profound grief in this community. The Enquirer-Sun editorially suggests the calling of a special meeting of the Georgia Press Association to draft suitable resolutions and to make arrangements for erecting a monument over Grady's grave as a tribute from the State press.

IN BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 23.—The news of Henry W. Grady's death created universal sorrow here. The local press club held a meeting this afternoon and adopted resolutions declaring him the brightest ornament of Southern journalism, and an inspiration to all his countrymen.

TELEGRAMS OF SYMPATHY.
ATLANTA, Ga., December 23.—Yesterday the following telegrams were received from New York, inquiring for further news than that contained in the morning papers announcing Mr. Grady's critical illness:

"NEW YORK, December 22.
"To Capt. E. P. Howell:
"I am exceedingly anxious to receive news concerning Mr. Grady. Please send me a dispatch."
"Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND."

"The foregoing message was followed by this telegram from Gov. David B. Hill to Mrs. Grady:

"ALBANY, N. Y., December 23.
"To Mrs. Henry W. Grady:
"I am grieved by the startling reports of Mr. Grady's condition. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in this hour of your anxiety."
"Signed) DAVID B. HILL."

"The bulletin conveying the message of death was given the country a few minutes after the announcement was made that life had taken its flight. Then came a flood of messages from all over the Union. They carry their own comment. Among those received were the following:

"To Mrs. Henry W. Grady:
"Accept the heartfelt sympathy of one who loved your husband for what he was, and for all that he had done for his people and his country. Be assured that everywhere throughout the land warm hearts mourn with you in your deep affliction, and deplore the loss the nation has sustained."
"Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND."

"WASHINGTON, December 23.
"Hon. E. P. Howell:
"Give Mrs. Grady our sincerest sympathy. A terrible loss to the family, friends, his State and country."
"Signed) SAMUEL J. RANDALL."

"ALBANY, N. Y., December 23.
"To Capt. E. P. Howell:
"Please convey to Mrs. Grady my deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband. He was a noble and brilliant man, for whom I felt a warm friendship and the highest respect. The entire North will join with the South in lamenting the death of one whose services in the obliteration of sectional feeling has been so distinguished."
"Signed) DAVID B. HILL."

"MACON, Ga., December 23.
"Mrs. Henry W. Grady:
"In the pathetic death of your illustrious husband, you will have the tender sympathy of millions who in community of affliction will sorrow with the loved ones, and preserve with them in honored memory his manly and generous virtues, and none will grieve more sincerely, or bear him in more loving remembrance than your friend."
"Signed) EMORY SPEER."

"ROME, Ga., December 23.
"Mrs. Henry W. Grady:
"Oh! madame, may God comfort you in this hour. I am bowed with you in sorrow unexpressed. I would take his place if I could give him back to you and to Georgia. The continent is poorer in his death."
"Signed) JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES."

"NEW YORK, December 23.
"Mrs. Henry W. Grady:
"My heart goes out in sympathy to you and your children in this sad hour. The whole country mourns at the grave of your husband, and all can comfort you. Lean on Him and trust Him. He will not forsake you."
"Signed) ROSWELL P. FLOWER."

"NEW YORK, December 23.
"Mrs. Henry W. Grady:
"There is a world wide sympathy for your noble husband's untimely death. But few men hold so large a place in my heart as Henry W. Grady. God bless and comfort his bereaved household."
"Signed) CLINTON B. FISKE."

Among the messages was the following from Chas. J. Taylor, a colored lawyer:

"BRUNSWICK, Ga., December 23.
"To Mrs. H. W. Grady:
"I am prostrated with grief at the news of Hon. Henry W. Grady's death. He was my personal friend, true and tried. Will leave for Atlanta at once."
"Signed) CHAS. J. TAYLOR."

Bond Offerings.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—The bond offerings to-day aggregated \$161,000; all accepted at 104 1/2 for four and a half per cent, and 127 for fours.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. E. H. Wright left yesterday morning for Shelby to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith has returned to this city after a visit of several months to her son, who lives in Texas.

Mr. J. S. Steinberg, who represents a Philadelphia stove manufactory, is at the Grand Central.

Mr. J. C. McDowell, who represents a firm of Knoxville hatters, has registered at the Grand Central.

Mrs. V. E. McBee and children have returned to this city, and are stopping at the Battery Park.

Mr. W. E. Welch, of Boston, who was here last year, has returned and is stopping at the Battery Park.

Mr. Carl Reynolds, who is a student at Wofford College, Spartanburg, is spending his vacation with his mother.

Mrs. Westfield and party, of Arden, were in the city yesterday shopping and dined at the Swananoa.

Mr. H. B. Merrill has returned to this city from the Hot Springs, where he has been stopping for the last week.

Mr. Jacob Hildebrand, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is stopping at the Grand Central, is visiting his relatives in this city.

Mrs. R. Fronberger and Mrs. L. W. Cralle left yesterday afternoon for Memphis, Tenn., where they will spend the winter.

Mr. H. J. Ostendorf, of Cleveland, Ohio, registered at the Battery Park yesterday. His wife has been here for some time.

Mr. R. D. Gilmer has returned from a trip to Washington and is on his way to Waynesville. He is now stopping at the Grand Central.

Among the guests at the Grand Central is Mr. A. V. Lawson, who represents the firm of S. H. George & Co., hatters of Knoxville.

Mr. R. O. Patterson has returned from a month's trip to Washington and is now on his way to his home in Bryson City. He is stopping at the Grand Central.

Mr. R. L. Tilford, of Hampden Sidney, Va., is at the Grand Central. He is a theological student and will take his degree at the Presbyterian Seminary in Columbia.

Mrs. J. L. Hall and her four daughters are stopping at the Battery Park. Her husband is at the head of the well known Hall Safe and Lock Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Carrie Addington, who is a student at a school in Cleveland, Tenn., is at the Grand Central. She is on her way to Franklin, in order to be present at the marriage of her sister to Mr. S. L. Rodgers, the clerk of the superior court in Franklin.

Wofford College at Spartanburg is well represented in Asheville. The boys have returned to this city to spend their Christmas holidays with their friends and relatives. They are Messrs. Arthur Rankin, freshman in that college; Eugene Bearden, sophomore; Will Cooke, sophomore; James Ray, junior, and Irwin Sluder, sophomore.

Mr. Frank G. Mosher, of Augusta, who was formerly connected with the Anson Inn, has arrived in the city and will be Mr. Asa Loomis' successor. Mr. Loomis will leave, as soon as he has made his successor thoroughly acquainted with his work, for Middleborough, Ky., where he has been made the manager of the new hotel just erected there.

A SLICK SWINDLER.

The Firm of Billings & Co., 835 Broadway, N. Y., a Myth.

NEW YORK, December 23.—For several weeks circulars purporting to come from the commission house of Billings & Co., 835 Broadway, have been sent throughout the country enclosing samples of silk, satin and other dress goods, which were offered at about one-third the price ordinarily charged for such goods. Persons sending orders were instructed to send the money to the postoffice in this city. The police caused the postoffice authorities to stop the delivery of Billings & Co.'s mail, and in the past few days several bags of letters addressed to that firm have accumulated. To-day the police made a raid on the office of the firm at 835 Broadway, and found there only a man, calling himself John Jones, and a stove and a chair. There were no dress goods of any kind there. Jones, who is supposed to be the originator of what is believed to be a mythical firm, was arrested and taken to Jefferson market police court, where he was remanded until to-morrow.

SCENE ON A CAR.

Timber Smashing Through the Windows.

BOSTON, December 23.—As the Portland express from Boston was passing a freight train on the Boston and Maine railroad near this station this evening a heavy piece of timber became unfastened from one of the freight cars and struck the front end of the rear car of the express. The express was running at the rate of forty miles an hour, and the timber crashed through the car, raking it broadside, breaking every window sash on that side and covering the passengers with glass and splinters.

The cars were heavily loaded with passengers, and a number of ladies fainted from fright, while fifteen or twenty of them were more or less cut about the face and shoulders. One woman was unconscious for several hours, and is reported to be fatally injured. Upon the arrival of the train at Lawrence the injured passengers were cared for, and most of them were able to continue their journey. The accident delayed trains half an hour.

When a hen makes a dead set for a family she gets it if she has half a chance.

WASHINGTON MATTERS.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AT WORK.

During Three Weeks 1,429 Messages Sent to the Senate—Many Nominations Confirmed, but Many Still Hang Fire.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—A complaint has been filed with the inter-State commerce commission by Wm. A. Harvey against the Louisville and Nashville railroad company. Harvey alleges a violation of the inter-State commerce act by defendant in furnishing to certain members of the city council of New Orleans and others free passes good for transportation from points in the State of Louisiana to different points along their road through and into other States.

The ways and means committee was engaged for a few hours to-day in consideration of the McKinley administration customs bill. The committee expect to complete the preparation of the bill before a hearing on the tariff begins. The majority of the committee insist upon hearing those who are in favor of a reduction of the tariff as well as those who favor the present schedule. The committee therefore, when it meets after Christmas, will hear both sides of the question.

In three weeks, ended last Saturday, President Harrison sent to the senate 1,429 messages containing the nominations, including army and navy appointments, of about 1,600 persons. When the senate adjourned Saturday afternoon there had been made public the confirmation of about 1,000 of these nominations. A great majority of these postmasters. The judiciary committee is noted for the deliberate manner in which it considers matters referred to it, so it is not surprising that only a small proportion of nominations of judges and officers of the United States courts all over the country have been confirmed. The nominations of O. W. Chapman to be solicitor general, of Alphonzo Hart to be solicitor of internal revenue, and of W. P. Hepburn to be solicitor of the treasury, are still undischarged. In fact so far as the nominations referred to the judiciary committee are concerned, confirmations are an exception.

Of the diplomatic nominations the following have not been confirmed: George Maney, minister to Paraguay and Uruguay; R. G. Pitkin, minister to the Argentine Republic; Clark E. Carr, minister to Denmark. Among the consular nominations that have not been acted upon by the senate are those of Eugene Schuyler, as consul general at Cairo, Egypt, and of William H. Sorsby, of Mississippi, to be consul general in Ecuador. In the customs service nominations remaining undischarged are those of Amor Smith, jr., to be surveyor general at Philadelphia; Philip M. Hildebrand, to be surveyor at Indianapolis; Robert Smalls, colored, ex-congressman from South Carolina, nominated to be collector of customs, is also unconfirmed. Other important nominations that went over until after the recess are those of Messrs. Roosevelt and Thompson, city service commissioners; Taylor, railroad commissioner; Halliday, commissioner of customs; Bates, commissioner of navigation; Morgan, commissioner of Indian affairs, and Dorchester, superintendent of Indian schools.

ADVANCE IN IRON.

Unusual Interest in This Product, and Still Advancing.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 23.—Extraordinary interest is now manifested in the iron market. A further advance is expected during the month of January, and if there is any further increase in prices the iron workers will be entitled to an advance in wages. Bar iron is now being sold at 1.35 per pound, and it is said some sales have been made at two cents. When it goes above two cents then iron workers will receive an advance. The possibility of a further advance is being discussed, not only by those directly interested, but by business men generally. Coke operators have advanced their advance in the price of coke on January 1, from \$1.75 to \$2 per ton. This will have, it is generally conceded, a further stimulating effect upon the iron market. The furnaces are receiving more orders than they can fill. The boom in Bessemer iron still continues, and there is a most active demand for all grades of iron.

"I would not be surprised to see the card rate go beyond two cents," remarked a gentleman closely allied with the trade this afternoon; "but there is danger of it going too high. Manufacturers should look out a line, and be guided by conservative views and points of view. Everything points to a most active trade during the next year, but the boom can easily be punctured if prices are advanced too rapidly. Officials of the Amalgamated association are not anxious to see a rapid advance. They are afraid of a reaction. If the market will stand an advance beyond the two cent basis, why they would be glad to see it, otherwise in the end it would be most injurious, and they don't want to see it. The developments of the next thirty or sixty days will be awaited with interest."

RISING FROM ITS ASHES.

Statistics of Southern Loss and Growth.

Manufacturers' Record of to-day, in showing the phenomenal increase of wealth in the South since 1880, incidentally portrays the vast loss inflicted on that section by the event of the civil war. In 1860 the assessed value of property in the whole United States was \$12,000,000,000, of which the South contained \$2,000,000,000, or 44 per cent. The South was at that time the richest and most prosperous section. Mississippi, for example, had \$160,000,000 more of property than Connecticut, and was fourth in the list of States in per capita valuation. The census of 1878 indicated a vast destruction of property in the vanquished section. It had but \$3,064,000,000 assessed valuation, as against \$5,420,000,000 ten years before the loss being \$2,360,000,000. The Record estimates the real loss at \$5,000,000,000. As the Record puts the valuation for 1889 at \$4,220,100,400 it would appear that the South is still poorer than she was in 1860. Her present rate of increase is, however, very rapid, the gain since 1880 being \$1,306,729,927. The Tradesman, of Chattanooga, going upon data obtained from governors and comptrollers-general, places the present population of the South at 19,489,150, the gain since 1880 being at the rate of 3.3 per cent. per annum.

The Weather To-day.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Indications for North Carolina.—Warmer; fair; southerly winds; fair on Wednesday.

THREE RUNAWAYS.

The Horses Seem to Have Christmas in their Bones.

Yesterday was prolific in runaways. The first one was that of Mr. Joseph Sluder. He left his horse and buggy standing in front of his house, while he stood beside it talking to some one. The horse became frightened by his cracking his whip at a dog which ran past, and galloped up Main street. It leaped the fence around the court house square and left the buggy on the other side in a slightly negligee condition. Having freed itself from this incumbrance it walked up to a man in the square and allowed itself to be caught. While racing down the street a male team was inspired by its example and ran off with a heavy wagon, but were stopped without doing much damage.

The prevailing fever affected the little ponies of Ballard, Rich & Boyce while they were standing in the yard back of the store. They started off dragging the colored boy, who was vainly trying to hold them by the bridle, and, shaking him off, galloped up Water street to Patton avenue, where they continued across the street and dashed into the Model cigar store and ran the pole through the glass front and hurled the sign through the show window. One of them pranced into the store itself and the men all jumped up on the counter, in order, it is supposed to make a counter attack on the horse. Very little damage was done to the wagon, but one of the ponies was cut about the head by its contact with the glass window.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Draw Head Out and a Freight Car Off the Track.

West bound train No. 50 was delayed about two hours yesterday on account of an accident on the road. It seems that a freight train met with an accident and the track was blocked. The freight had a draw head pulled out of the rear car when at Black Mountain on Sunday night and the car, as usual, was fastened by a chain. This chain broke when the train reached Mud Cut, about 2 o'clock at night, and falling across the track threw the car and caboose off the track. The conductor, Mr. Horton, was on top of the caboose at the time and jumped off, but was thrown against the bank and very severely bruised. He was taken home yesterday on board the morning train. The engine which carries the convicts to and from their work was near the scene of the accident, and steam was gotten up in this and the work of placing the car on the track was begun. It was not accomplished until late in the morning and a telegram was sent to Old Fort to hold the train there, where the passengers had to wait for two hours. Among them was Mayor Blanton, who refused to state how they whiled away the weary hours they were compelled to wait. He was unable to hold his usual reception during the morning, and Mr. Pulliam kindly took his place and administered the fines in a very acceptable and remunerative (to the city treasury) way.

NEW HOSE COMPANIES.

Additional Fire Force Stationed Through the City.

Two new hose companies have been formed during the past week and received their reels last evening from Mr. J. H. Woody, who turned them out at his own shops. They certainly present a very creditable appearance. Mr. Woody has also introduced an under cut draw, which he claims will be in use here entirely in a short time. He has already sold one of these to the Asheville manufacturing company. The hose company, which he has organized consists of Messrs. J. H. Woody, W. E. Wolfe, C. W. Stickleather, J. T. Justice, E. E. Spain, and T. C. Westall, jr. The company will have its quarters at Camp Patton and for the present will use a building adjoining Mr. Woody's stable. Their suits have already been ordered and will soon be here.

Another company was organized a few days ago in the suburbs of the city. Their station will be in Buttick's block at the west end of Patton avenue. The members are J. B. Cole, captain, T. B. Cole, G. H. Simmons, William Jarrett, William Owen and Dr. J. G. Queen. With this addition to protection from fires, the city fire department is ready for any emergency and the insurance companies will have an easy time of it.

The Serenaders Feasted.

The Apollo Glee Club were out in force on Saturday evening and topped off the rehearsal with a visit to the residence of Mr. J. G. Martin, the president of the Cosmopolitan Club, where they serenaded Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ivison and Miss Myers. The music was thoroughly appreciated, and the boys were invited to come in by Mr. Martin. Needless to say they had accepted the invitation, and they had not cause to regret it. They were entertained in a most hospitable fashion. After the refreshments were served, the host proposed a dance, and the members of the Glee Club showed that they had music in their heels as well as in their throats. All were sad when the lateness of the hour compelled them to say good night to the genial host and charming hostess, and separated with the firm determination of repeating their visit as soon as a proper interval had elapsed.

If the serenaders are thus rewarded they will soon see the streets resounding every night with the soft strains of guitars and rich harmony of finely blending and well trained voices.

Mr. Will Israel, the son of Col. Israel, who is a tobacco buyer in Durham, is in the city.

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?

An Old Story Told in a New and Most Attractive Way.

We have been delighted with the new version of this old nursery story, dear to babyhood, and which the powers of memory and association keep alive in the mind as a tender link with the era of simplicity, innocence and credulity. It is the work of Mr. R. D. Gilmer, of Waynesville, N. C., printed in New York in a style of Christmas elegance of type and illustration, a handsome present for the children, and as good as it looks. Mr. Gilmer wrote it for the amusement of his little boy, but its flight is high enough to interest grown folks; for a very pregnant moral is conveyed in the treatment of guilt or innocence of the accused, of the value of evidence, of the circumstances which convict or exonerate, of the ingenuity of counsel, of the wisdom of the judge, and of the fairness and intelligence of the jury. Under cover of fable, is a very clear, perhaps satirical, delineation of the course of justice. Grown folks may read with profit, the little ones will certainly do so with pleasure. For is not the story of cock robin a true one? Did not "once upon a time" the birds all talk and act, and have their ways like men and women? And here we have all our own birds with which we are familiar, talking and acting like the birds in old times and across the sea, where the old story came from—the robin and the sparrow, and the wren and the lark, and the quail and the hawk, among whom we find judges and jurors and lawyers and sheriffs, and the inevitable complement of murder, and criminals and trials.

The verse is charmingly set out and lively, the illustrations are whimsical and characteristic, and the whole a charming Christmas gift, the first of the kind published in the South. Get a copy. It is on sale at Morgan's and Carson's.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

Their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 31.

It is pleasing to see citizens, after their adoption as sons and daughters of America, preserving their love for their native land of themselves or their fathers. North Carolina is indebted to Scotland for many of her best residents. Men and women characterized by the strict integrity, the successful spirit, the untiring industry, which came with them from their mountains to ours.

When these good people meet together to honor Scotland, they equally honor America. The Scottish society of Western Carolina propose holding their annual meeting for the home of their former and present homes on Wednesday, which occurs on Tuesday next, December 31.

The invitations issued are handsome and numerous, but as some friends may be overlooked, we are compelled to request any Scot, who has not received a card to correspond at once with Secretary Arthur, box E, postoffice, Asheville, N. C.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

At a regular meeting of the A. O. U. W. the following officers were elected for the next term:
Past Master—P. A. Cummings.
Master Workman—N. P. Chedester.
Foreman—T. J. Sumner.
Overseer—W. E. Bean.
Recorder—J. B. Worsley.
Financier—L. W. Jeanneret.
Receiver—S. Lipinsky.
Guide—Azor Shell.
Inside Watchman—T. J. Mitchell.
Outside Watchman—J. M. Alexander.
Trustee—S. Haskell.
Representative to Grand Lodge—S. Lipinsky.

Alternate—J. B. Worsley.
Auditing Committee—W. R. Whitson, T. J. Hargan, P. A. Cummings.

There will be a public installation of the officers at their next regular meeting at their hall on the first Friday evening in January (the 3d) at 7.30 o'clock.

RAVENSCROFT SCHOOL.

Mr. Ronald MacDonald, who has had charge of this school for the past fall term has taken a lease on the property for five years dating from last July, and the school will now be under his sole management. Mr. MacDonald has been connected with several of the largest English schools, and is eminently well fitted as an instructor of young men. The situation of the school is excellent and the buildings good, and the large grounds afford ample room for outdoor games and exercise. The terms of the school will remain as before; sons of clergymen receiving free tuition.

Under Mr. MacDonald's most competent management the school should take a fresh lease of life, and meet with all the success it deserves, and that we would wish for it. The Easter term opens January 1, as will be seen by our advertising columns.

Fine Celery.

THE CITIZEN is indebted to Mr. G. S. Arthur for a very liberal supply of Christmas celery, tender, juicy, and well bleached. Mr. Arthur has leased the finely improved garden of Mr. A. Garrett, and will have an abundant spring supply of lettuce, radishes, etc., together with his present full supply of celery. He has already anticipated spring, for with his celery came some fine heads of lettuce; for all of which we express our thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. S. A. Boynton have returned from Florida, and will probably stay till May. Dr. Boynton was one of Garfield's physicians.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

GREAT HOPEFULNESS FOR ASHEVILLE'S FUTURE.

The Conclusion of Our Industrial Renouveau—The Building Boom Unprecedented—The Banks Expect Good Results from Crops.

To give the opinions of all of our citizens, as we proposed last week to do, occupies far more space than we anticipated. Such absolute unanimity we have never experienced. We to-day have only room for the opinions of our bankers, and of one of our real estate firms. In the latter we are sure that all other agencies will concur.

We hoped to make a condensed statement of building operations, but they are really too extensive for us to touch upon with the brief space at our disposal. Suffice it, in this connection, to say that one gentleman, a new resident, Mr. McAfee, has within a few months erected two large and elegant stores on Patton avenue, and has five comfortable dwellings almost completed on Spruce street. No stronger proof of his sincere belief in Asheville's future can be asked. He has made a large investment, expecting liberal returns in rents. In this we know he will not be disappointed. Houses are in continual and increasing demand. We know of one residence being rented last week at the rate of \$500 per month. This seems a high rental at first sight, but knowing the elegance both of building and furnishing, do not hesitate to say that the renter even at this price has obtained a bargain.

The first overtax is with the cashier of the National Bank of Asheville, who said that while money matters seemed unusually stringent this was owing to the large amount required now for carrying on the extensive building operations, which could be seen in every quarter, and also for moving the unusually large tobacco crop. He predicted that each of the banks of Asheville would do larger business and make more money next year than ever before.