

The Greensboro Patriot

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GREENSBORO, N. C., Wednesday, December 10, 1879.

Blaine's friends are wiring for him in California.

The tobacco crop of Madison county the past season is valued at \$100,000.

The last strike at the army in Congress is the proposition to prohibit gambling.

Gen. Mahone's chances to succeed Withers as United States Senator from Virginia are considered good.

The indications are that Bro. Talmage and his congregation will run the Tabernacle on their own schedule.

The New York Herald reports the case of a child being cured of diphtheria by taking small quantities of lime in the room.

Not satisfied with her reputation for wooden nutmegs Connecticut is now supplying the market with artificial coffee berries.

The last Grand movement is a New York and Philadelphia proposition to present him with a purse of \$250,000 raised by subscription.

There are four ministers of the gospel on trial for murder in Connecticut, which is not calculated to increase reverence for clerical cloth in that part of the vineyard.

Hon. Alfred W. Lacy, member of Congress from Missouri died in Washington last Sunday, Congress adjourned on Monday out of respect to the deceased.

Col. Cabell, member of Congress from the Danville District, wants an appropriation of \$40,000 to improve Dan River between Danville and Danbury.

Western men say that John Sherman has ruined his chances for a nomination for the Presidency by his recommendation for the withdrawal of the greenbacks from circulation.

Great snow storms in Hungary have swollen some of the rivers, overflowing the lowlands, submerging farms, destroying houses and causing much suffering amongst the people.

The Georgia Republican stalwarts are putting Joshua Hill forward as Judge for Vice-President, against Judge Settle for whom the Republicans of this State are laying the wires.

The Democrats made a clean sweep of Louisiana last Tuesday week electing Wiltz Governor by 20,000 majority, and carrying the legislature by a large majority. Also the new Constitution.

The Charlotte Southern Home and Democrat call the attention of policemen to profraternity indulged in by drunken men in certain localities in that town and want a stop put to it. If there were less whiskey there would be less profraternity.

A big storm struck Aspinwall last week, submerged twenty or thirty miles of the railroad, started the Chagres river in a boom, and did an immense amount of damage along its banks. There is much suffering among the people in consequence.

Erastus Brooks in a paper read in New York recently on the press, put down the number of journals published in this country at 7,500, a number nearly equal to all those published in all the rest of the civilized world. In 1721 there were but two journals published in America.

Moscow, Russia, was excited on the 2d inst by an attempt to blow up the train in which the Emperor came to the city. The dynamite misfired and only succeeded in getting the baggage train which was blown to splinters, and lots of royal clothes spoiled.

It having been reported that Gen. Joe E. Johnston, of Virginia, intended to introduce a bill to make Grant Captain-General of the army—a new office—the General rises to say he don't intend to do any such thing.

Those reports about Democrats in Louisiana whipping and killing people at the late election are pronounced totally false. One man reported hanged came to town next day and the first he knew of his being hanged was when he saw it in the papers.

A news item informs us that "Congressman Houck while en route for Washington was robbed of his valise and contents." We are left in agonizing doubt here by the cold-blooded paragrapher whether it was the contents of the valise or of the Congressman that the thief got away with.

Hon. S. J. Randall denies the story recently circulated in print that he had passed agent of the R. & D. R. R., not long ago in a sleeping car. Well, if he wasn't it was some one mighty like S. J. R., and answered to that name. That there was a knock-down and that Mr. MacMurdo did the knocking is dead certain.

There is a fish-killing mania down in Georgia. They put a dynamite torpedo in the stream and the explosion when the torpedo is discharged sends all the fish for hundreds of feet around to the surface dead or stunned when they are picked up. This is a very easy way of fishing and much more expeditious than the old way of inviting them to get on a hook, but it is not giving the fish a fair show.

A collision between two trains in Missouri a couple weeks ago, on one of which trains the London Circus and Menagerie was being transported, caused the escape of two lions, which have since been roaming the woods. They made their presence known in one locality by killing a German farmer, and in another by killing a little white girl and colored child. All the grown male portion of the population are out hunting the beasts.

There are some discussions going on now among scientific people who take an interest in such things as to the best way of putting condemned criminals to death. The advocates of hanging, the guillotine, gas, electricity, chloroform and other methods have urged their views, but in this country the rope seems to afford so much satisfaction to those who are not hung that the probabilities are that they will go right on choking men to death in the same old style.

Enforce this Law or Repeal it.

There is a law on the statute books of this State requiring the payment of a license by commercial agents representing houses located in other States. With the merits of the law, on which there is considerable difference of opinion, we have nothing to say, but while it is a law it ought to be enforced; if it is not enforced it ought to be repealed. In justice not only to the State itself, which is defrauded of a revenue to which she is entitled, but to those who comply with the law and pay the tax honestly this should be done, for it is neither reasonable nor just to take money from those who voluntarily come forward and pay it, and then through indifference or negligence on the part of officers whose duty it is to see the laws enforced permit dishonest vendors to go where they please without question or hindrance. It gives them just that much advantage over those who do meet the requirements of the law, an advantage which they should not have.

We have no means of knowing the precise number of such agents doing business in this State but they undoubtedly reach into the thousands, and not over ten per cent of them have considered it worth while to make any pretense of conforming to this law. They walk into the hotels, take the best situated rooms they can find, open up their samples and proceed to business with as much nonchalance as if they had a special invitation, and laugh in their sleeves at those unscrupulous fellow "drummers" who innocently comply with the law.

We don't know that we can blame them so much, for it is not supposed that they will be so very anxious to pay into the treasury of North Carolina the required tax if nobody seems to care whether they pay or not. They do, perhaps, as the might be expected to do under the circumstances, and run their business without paying as long as they are left at liberty to do so.

It is the fault of the Sheriffs to a great extent that this is so, for the Sheriffs as a rule do not take the trouble to inquire whether the law has been complied with or not, if they did there would certainly be fewer violations of it and more respect shown for it.

Not unfrequently where Sheriffs are vigilant dishonest dealers foil them by giving the county seats, where the Sheriffs generally reside, the go by and operating in other towns where there is no one to ask inconvenient questions.

The law itself may be defective, but certain it is that it is most contemptuously ignored, and ignored not only to the great detriment of the State, but, as stated above, to the great detriment of honest men who do comply with it. For these reasons justice demands that the law be either impartially enforced or repealed as soon as possible that all may stand on an equal footing and none be discriminated against.

In our next issue we shall publish a list carefully made out from the books in the Treasurer's office at Raleigh, for this paper, of all the houses which have taken out the license in accordance with the law and paid the tax required. That list will show what a very small proportion of those doing business in the State have thought it incumbent on them to pay any respect to the law, and that there is a mighty big screw loose somewhere.

The Indian Bureau.

We publish elsewhere an interview with Gen. Scales, from the National Republican, in reference to the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department. As chairman of the committee on Indian Affairs Gen. Scales has taken a great interest in this subject for some time, and has, in common with other good men, been shocked at the gross mismanagement of affairs in the Indian Bureau, the cause of nearly all the trouble with the Indians. They have been mercilessly robbed and oppressed, until in many cases resistance and bloodshed became a necessity. The General thinks that if the War Department had control of their affairs their condition would be bettered and they would be protected from imposition and oppression by avaricious agents and plunderers generally. One thing is certain, their condition could not be much worse.

A "Confidential" Friend of Mr. Tilden.

He is going or rather not going to do in the next campaign. It seems he is not particularly anxious for the nomination himself but will not support Bayard, Thurman or Judge Davis, because they took part in the Electoral Commission business by which he was counted out. He will support the nominee but intends to have something to say as to who that nominee shall be.

Resolutions favoring the construction of the Nicaragua Canal have been introduced into both houses of Congress. As this canal will be entirely on foreign territory we don't see what these resolutions will amount to, but about as much, we fancy, as resolutions generally.

Work in Congress.

Congress seems to be settling down to business and the indications are that there will be plenty of opportunity for the gentlemen so disposed to ventilate their views on a variety of topics. Already several propositions have been introduced in reference to the finances, prominent among them Senator's Bayard's bill to divest the greenbacks of their legal tender character, and make them receivable by the government for dues.

Mr. Pound, of Wisconsin, wants the constitution amended to provide that after the 4th of March 1885 the President and Vice-President shall be elected for a term of six years and then be ineligible for more than one term consecutively, and that members of Congress be elected for three years.

Mr. Money, of Louisiana, wants it defined what kind of matter shall be mailable or unmailable, as the postal department has got mixed on the lottery question.

Mr. Goode, of Virginia, wants an appropriation of unpaid bounties to aid in the education of the colored people, and Mr. Felton, of Georgia, who must have had the shakes in his time, very sensibly wants Peru bark and its preparations admitted free of duty.

Mr. Wood, of New York, wants the internal revenue laws so amended as to allow a drawback for the tax paid on manufactured tobacco on hand when the law reducing the tax went into operation March 1st 1879.

Mr. Felton, of Georgia, proposes amending the criminal statutes by repealing section 1,022 in order to prohibit the use of criminal informations and give every accused party a fair chance of trial by jury under regular indictment. This would wipe out that un-American institution known as the informer.

Mr. Myers, of Indiana, wants national bank notes retired and U. S. Treasury notes substituted instead.

Mr. McKenna, of West Virginia, has a little account held by that State for damages sustained during the war by Federal forces, which he would like to have settled, and Mr. Warner, of Ohio, wants a committee appointed to investigate inter-State commerce.

A resolution by Mr. Wood to adjourn from the 19th inst. to Jan. 6th, was passed.

In the Senate, Mr. Bayard reported back a couple bills in reference to subsidiary coin and providing for arrears of pensions and had them indefinitely postponed.

Senator Davis, of West Virginia, wants the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the Senate how much money has been paid on account of Southern claims since 1866.

The nomination of Secretary McCrary, to be United States Judge of the Eighth Circuit, was confirmed on the 9th by the Senate without debate.

OUR READERS will be interested

in the article headed "Alamance Church" published on the outside of the PATRIOT this week, also (especially the ladies) in the account of the "Royal Wedding." The farmer will find some valuable matter for him, and the housewife will have something she will like in the "Household Recipes." In addition to these the general reader will find a full supply of miscellaneous matter sound and sensible, light and merry—to suit all well regulated tastes and which we hope will both entertain and instruct.

N. B. We do not vouch for the "Latest Agricultural Achievement." There was no cheese in that squash which creates a doubt in our mind as to the truthfulness of the whole story.

Grand Master Cox's Address.

We have read with much interest the address of Grand Master Cox, before the Grand Lodge of Masons recently assembled in Raleigh. It is carefully and clearly written, and abounds in suggestions which if followed would prove of immense value to the fraternity in this State. It breathes the true masonic spirit and shows that its author is no idle hand but a worker in the temple, who works not only willingly but heartily. Masonry when lived up to according to the designs of its founders is one of the grandest systems of brotherhood ever conceived by the mind of man.

After reading Grand Master Cox's address you are impressed with the grandeur of this noble order which is daily doing so much good among men, and which will do so much more good when such worthy gentlemen as Grand Master Cox evince the interest in and devotion to it that he does.

Representative Frye, of Maine, says that it is certain that the next Republican convention will not be held in Cincinnati. "We couldn't get a word," he says, "in any of the papers there for Blaine except the Democratic papers, and we don't propose to be treated that way again. I think the convention will be held in Chicago or Philadelphia."

Our Washington Letter.

[Special to the PATRIOT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, '79.

According to law and custom both Houses of Congress assembled last week, held prayers, did much hand-shaking, and with many congratulations to the giver of all good for a safe return to their accustomed seats. So much being accomplished, the meeting was dissolved, to convene again to-day. The various committees are mapping out a line of duty, and it remains to be seen whether the area included will be productive of hatred, emulation, strife and heresies, or peace, long suffering gentleness and faith. The fraud sent in his message, which, owing to the crossing of the palm of some adroit personage, in the printing bureau, made its appearance in several "too previous" newspapers, consequently was read to the assembled savans as stale matter. The alleged larceny was at first supposed to be in the Treasury Department, who held fast office as reward for the Louisiana electoral vote, and pilfered the message, through force of habit, nevertheless so small a steal has cost the suspected one his head. Men have been retained for greater offences.

Time and space will not permit me to even recapitulate the ideas and suggestions employed in the message. To any and all who are desirous to read the manuscript let them telegraph to San Francisco, where it first appeared in print.

The financial recommendations may create a division in the Republican ranks. Even the hard money Republicans say, that while the President may advance a sound policy, that, in a political sense, it would be a bad policy to attempt the legislation he recommends. Many think a resolution will be adopted declaring it inexpedient to meddle with the currency, and that will be the end of it.

Senator Bayard, on Wednesday, introduced a joint resolution that "from and after the passage of this resolution, the Treasury notes of the United States shall be receivable for all dues to the United States, excepting duties on imports, and shall not be otherwise a legal tender, and any of said notes hereafter re-issued shall bear this superscription." This means that he is in favor of maintaining the greenbacks, and using them as currency, but without the legal tender quality. He maintains this to be strict Democratic doctrine, in accordance with the position taken, when Greenbacks were first issued. This resolution accords with the President's views. In all probability the financial question will be the most prominent one before this session of Congress. We can't tell much about it, as both parties will fight shy, for a while at least. Conger the irrepressible spike tail apostle from Michigan, will throw some original ideas out for debate and will consume time, if he accomplishes nothing more. A gleam of his greatness is said to have exhibited itself, when a mere boy, when, with his characteristic simplicity, he asked his mother "if he eat dates enough would he grow up to be an almanac."

The principal feature of the week has been the arrival of the "exodising amendments," some 240 poor deluded wretches, who, under promise of 40 acres and a plow, by mean, designing men, have left their homes in North Carolina to seek pastures green in the great State of Indiana.

These poor negroes, without money and scarce of raiment, are quartered here in a negro church awaiting transportation. At present there seems to be very little prospect of their getting away soon. They left Goldsboro on Tuesday last. The party is composed principally of the wives and children of those who preceded them several weeks ago. Jim Fisher, one of the most intelligent of the party, states that the exodus is from Green, Lenoir and Wayne counties, and that some 200 more are awaiting transportation, but have no means to bring them even to Washington, but they will come, if they have to walk. He says they desire to find a home where they can earn a living and get pay for their labor, that they are worse slaves under their bosses than when they were really slaves under their old masters. One of the party states that all he received for a horse, mule, 3 cattle and 7 hogs was 24 cents apiece, (possibly some boss buying back his own property at a discount.) But seriously this is a matter to engage our State authorities. The race has been a source of annoyance ever since the enterprising New Englander seduced them from their mother country and sold them to their Southern friends, and finally broke up the Union with them, now they are endeavoring to own them again, and will never be satisfied until they get them all over the border. If they can utilize, say "go erring brothers," go West."

Senator Ransom, the handsomest man in the Senate, is in his seat. All of our N. C. delegation have answered to roll call, except Senator Vance, who is expected to-day, as his labors have ceased in New Orleans. No State can boast of a superior representation than ours, all men of strict integrity and able in council.

It is rumored that Mr. Hussey is to succeed Mr. Hardy as House Librarian. No better or more suitable appointment could be made.

Sergeant-at-arms Bright has appointed master Liles, son of E. Liles, page to the Senate.

Senator Harris has introduced a bill relative to Deputy Marshals. It provides that the Deputy Marshals shall be appointed by the Circuit Judges instead of the United States Marshals, and that the Democrats shall have an equal show with the Republicans in their appointment. This is a practical move, and is on the principle that a half loaf is better than no bread.—*Wilmington Star.*

Our Durham Letter.

DURHAM, N. C., December 9, 1879.

Editor Patriot:

After many days and weeks of patient waiting, the farmers have at last been blest with a fair season, which enables them to bring in their tobacco, and to-day every Warehouse in town is full to its utmost capacity, and the principal thoroughfares leading to the different Warehouses are crowded with white top wagons awaiting their turn to unload. They will have to wait until to-morrow, the houses being unable to accommodate them. Capt. Parrish, of the Brick Warehouse, has about as much as he had on his opening day, with as many more to unload to-morrow. Every thing is hurry and bustle, and every body seems to wear a busy and important mein, from the truck roller to the happy proprietors. The sales are going on as we write and we understand prices good.

PROMINENTLY BEFORE HIS TOWNSMEN.

That enterprising and ever go ahead firm Messrs W. T. Blackwell & Co. not being satisfied with advertising all over the American Union, have posted all over town a large poster on which is a fine likeness of Maj. Blackwell and a fac simile of his signature. It is very amusing to see and hear the comments of the dummies as they gaze upon them with admiration. We saw a crowd of them this morning and heard one say "dem eyes jes like ole man Buck's," while another remarked "yes dat ar forced too."

Messrs Blackwell & Co. have nearly completed the largest factory in the world.

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

The hop given by the young men's pleasure club at Grand Central Hotel last Friday night came off with decided success. At an early hour the rain came down in torrents and never abated during the night, but "the boys" were equal to the emergency and had a large bus running, hauling ladies to and fro. Many thanks are due Messrs Wilson, L. H. Harrell, the Central proprietor, and several others.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. B. Duke has returned from his trip bringing with him his cousin, a beautiful young lady of Tennessee. T. A. Day is on the wing in the interest of a large tobacco firm of Danville. J. T. Lea, one of the Banner Proprietors, who has been absent for several weeks returned yesterday.

The North Carolina M. E. Conference.

This conference convened in Wilson on the morning of the third. A correspondent of the Raleigh News gives the first day's proceedings from which we condense. Bishop Wightman being in the chair, opened conference with the hymn commencing:

"Love Thy house, oh God,
The Church of Thine abode,"

and after reading the Scriptures led the Conference with prayer.

Dr. Craven, the former Secretary, called the roll, after which, on motion, he was elected Secretary.

Nearly all the preachers and lay-delegates were present at roll call—a larger number, I think, than usual for the first day.

On motion, Dr. Closs was made chairman of the committee on Divine worship.

The Bishop then called the several districts, and the Presiding Elders nominated a committee on education, composed of preachers and laymen. In the same way a committee was nominated and elected on books and periodicals, also on church property and on the Bible cause.

The Revs. B. R. Hall, N. A. Hooker and F. D. Swindell were appointed a committee on resolutions relative to the life and labors of the Rev. John Jones, one of the oldest members of the Conference, who died during the present year.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference.

Dr. Closs responded to the remarks of the Bishop in a very appropriate manner.

There are twenty five applications for admission into the conference and I am very certain all cannot get in. Everything argues a pleasant and harmonious session.

SECOND DAY.

Conference was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Wheeler, one of the ablest if not the oldest member of the Conference.

The minutes of last day's proceedings were read and approved.

The annual report of Dr. J. B. McFerrin, book agent, was read by the Secretary.

The communication represented the publishing house to be in a much improved condition, and, if the church would lend co-operation, and exercise economy and punctuality, the prosperity of the house was assured.

A letter was read from Dr. Somers expressing his regrets at not being able to attend this year's session.

A. W. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, sent a letter to the Secretary requesting the consideration of the church in the Mission work. He complimented very highly the Woman's Missionary society which was so auspiciously organized, and which has been a great aid to the Board of Missions and which promised to exercise still greater influence for good.

Dr. Fitzgerald, of the Nashville Advocate, and W. G. E. Cunningham, Sunday School Editor, had letters read to the Conference.

Dr. McFerrin was glad to announce that the prospects of the publishing house were so encouraging. He assured the people that there was more work being done now than at any time since the war, that the house was not contracting any new debts, and he was glad that he could thank God and take courage. The officers were greatly encouraged by the flattering prospects and desired the members to

THIRD DAY.

The Conference opened at usual hour, and religious services were conducted by the Rev. Z. Rush.

The regular work of the annual examination of character was taken up—the Presiding Elders first and then the preachers under their charge. According to report, all the Presiding Elders and preachers were blameless in their official life and character.

The class of the 4th year, composed of the Revs. B. R. Hall, J. W. Randall and J. M. Rhodes, each stood an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the College of Bishops and were elected to Elder's Orders. The Rev. E. Howland was placed on the supernumerary list.

Dr. T. M. Jones read his annual report of the condition of the Greensboro Female College, which report was referred to the Committee on Education.

The question, "Who is admitted on trial?" was taken up.

The Revs. T. B. Bonner, J. C. C. Harris, W. J. Mayo, Jr. Arrington, Finlayson, Hull and Stone will be transferred to the Pacific Conference.

This evening at 8 o'clock the Ladies' Missionary Society of North Carolina Conference convened in the Methodist church. Religious services were conducted by Mrs. S. F. Bumpass. The society is presided over by Mrs. Dr. N. H. D. Wilson. The society numbers four hundred and fifty members. The amount raised during the year for missionary purposes amounted to \$445.55.

The Greensboro Society resolved to donate \$45.00 for four years to educate a Chinese girl to be named S. F. Bumpass. They also donated \$50.00 for the same purpose in memory of Miss M. L. Wood, who died in Shanghai.

FOURTH DAY.

Dr. W. D. Meacham, deceased, bequeathed in his will \$200 to the Annual Conference, to be placed at interest forever, and the interest to be divided annually between the Missionary and the Contingent Fund.

It was ordered that \$500 of the legacy bequeathed by Miss Brown, of Kentucky, be placed in the hands of the legal Conference.

It was resolved that \$322, in the hands of the Treasurer of the Conference, be handed over to the Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Masons, A. F. and A. M., requesting the Conference to set apart at least one Sunday in the year for the collection of funds for the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Referred to a committee of J. B. Bobbitt and T. C. Robbins.

Rev. B. R. Hall, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, presented the memoir of the life and death of Rev. W. M. Moore.

Mr. Hall also presented the memoir of Rev. John Jones.

Rev. W. Jenkins, Rev. M. C. Thomas, Rev. John W. Lewis, and Rev. M. J. Marney, desired to express their appreciation of the godly character of Mr. Jones.

W. L. C. Kilian was elected to the Deacon's order.

The appointments for next year were announced last evening by the Bishop, as follows:

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
Rev. N. H. Wilson, Presiding Elder. Raleigh, Edenton Street, W. S. Black, Person Street, T. W. Smith.

CARY, B. B. Culbreth, Raleigh, L. S. Shelton, Smithfield, P. L. Herman and J. T. Finlayson.

TAR RIVER, W. H. Moore, Yorkville, T. B. Hooker, Albemarle, S. M. Brown, W. C. Norman, Oxford, J. T. Gibbs.

GRANVILLE, J. E. Thompson, Henderson, J. T. Holden, Ridgeway, R. M. Brown, Nashville, J. T. Lyon.

WILSON DISTRICT.
Rev. S. D. Adams, Presiding Elder. Hillsboro Station, J. H. Wheeler.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.
Hillsboro circuit, E. A. Stone, Orange, H. H. Gibbons, Durham, P. H. Wood, Chapel Hill, J. F. Heitman, Person, T. A. Boone, Leasburg, R. A. Willis, Yanceyville, L. H. Gibbons, Albemarle, S. M. Brown, Haw River, W. M. Jordan, University of North Carolina, A. W. Mangum.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.
W. H. Bobbitt, Presiding Elder. Greensboro Station, D. R. Bruton, J. C. Thompson, S. D. Adams, J. E. Edwards, Pleasant Garden, P. L. Groom, Franklinville, L. E. Thompson, Randolph's Station, B. C. Phillips.

THE SOFT AND HARD-MONEY REPUBLICANS WIDE APART.
Correspondence Richmond Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A political party is never safe, for it may mask in sunshine to day only to find its sky full of threatening clouds to-morrow. The Republicans came here flushed with victories in Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut, and other States, and were prepared to deal the Democrats early and heavy additional blows in Congress. But the message of the President and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, with their radical recommendations in regard to finance, have changed the programme, and to-day the soft and hard-money men of the Republican party are wider apart than Mahone and Withers, or Kelly and Tilden. Yesterday an Iowa member threw down the gauntlet of rebellion in the house, and Mr. Carpenter followed it up in the Senate to-day with a resolution declaring that it is impolitic to disturb the present condition of the public finances. The Democrats enjoy this disturbance in the ranks of their opponents, and wise leaders think they should avoid the squabbling about it.

A Horrid Rebel Claim.

Augusta Chronicle, 5th.

A "rebel claim" made its appearance in the House yesterday. Mr. O'Connor, of South Carolina, introduced a bill to return to the colored people of the South the money they deposited in the Freedman's Bank, under the belief that the rotten concern was backed by the government. Messrs Bagg and Conger should prepare for action.

The railroad bridge, which supplies has the longest span in the world.

Grand Lodge of Masons. This body assembled in Raleigh on Wednesday, 3d inst. We condense from the Raleigh papers the days' session:

Officers elected for the coming year:
John H. Mills, Superintendent of Oxford Orphan Asylum.
William R. Cox, Grand Master.
Charles W. Alexander, Senior Grand Warden.
H. F. Grainger, Junior Grand Warden.
William E. Anderson, Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

The following are the standing committees:
Charters and Dispensations—H. Rountree, Bernice Walker, J. C. Munds.
Work, Proceedings and Reports of Subordinate Lodges—J. L. Baker, J. M. Sutton, L. W. Mendenhall, No. 2, Blair Burwell, W. J. Mendenhall, D. W. Jones.

No. 3, F. H. Glover, J. M. Farris, J. A. Briggs.
Accounts and claims—J. E. Rogers, Julius S. Carr, C. M. Rogers, Suspensions and Expulsions—J. G. W. Blount, B. F. Bullock, T. Gray.

No. 2, H. H. Munson, J. C. M. W. P. Williams.
No. 3, W. T. Kennedy, D. Peed, E. H. White.

Unfinished Business—C. H. B. son, T. C. Worth, J. W. Cotten, Propositions and Grievances—G. Ramsay, S. C. Dodson, J. C. Harris.

Grand Secretary's Books—J. nis Curtis, W. R. Stephenson, J. Smith.

Special committee on Grand Master's address relating to Letters and Work—H. H. Munson, J. Best, T. S. Kenan.

Standing Committees—W. S. ney, James Grant, John W. S. Orphan Asylum—John N. Eugene Grissom, A. H. A. Willie, T. P. Braswell, G. W. Blount, Munds, J. W. Cotten.

H. H. Munson, for committee 2, Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted a report, which was adopted. H. H. Munson proposed a change in article 18 of the constitution, referring to the burial of non-affiliated Masons. This lies over until next session.

B. C. Manly, E. G. Reade and Grainger were appointed a committee to consider so much of the Master's address as relates to theasonic Tolerance Association.

J. C. Munds moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of issuing Masonic insurance in connection with Grand Lodge. The committee are J. C. Munds, J. C. Harris and A. L. Parker.

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