

THE PLANS TO RAISE THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

Mr. Joseph DeWyckoff's plans for raising the battleship Maine from the bottom of the harbor at Havana are pronounced by eminent engineers to be feasible and sure of success.

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It is understood that Mr. Wyckoff will commence operations right away. If he succeeds in raising the Maine from her grave in the water and mud, he will have a fortune in material and souvenirs, but most likely the ship will be rescued for the purpose of making a perpetual exposition for the benefit of her owners.

The Maine was blown up on the night of February 15th, 1898, and one would scarcely believe that it is now more than six years since the appalling news was flashed over the world.

NO TIME TO SUCK WIND OR OUT BAIT.

The Charlotte News has a way of reaching the quick by the near cut. Here is the way our esteemed contemporary sends it home:

With a convention that strongly favored Parker, the Virginia folks let a few politicians like Daniel and Martin overrule their will and sent a delegation unopposed, thus giving a setback to the candidacy of the man whom they wanted.

Of course the whole State convention would no doubt endorse Governor Aycock for Vice President if it would be agreeable to him, but he has expressed the opinion that in his judgment the time has not yet come to place a Southern man on the ticket.

The North Carolina State convention meets next Thursday at Greensboro and it ought to send to St. Louis a delegation that knows what it is going for.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

Senator Daniel in his speech at the Virginia State Democratic convention said: "Get together, stay together and shoot a solid shot!" Why didn't he tell them that the best gun to shoot with was the Parker gun?

POLICE HAD OUTING.

Annual Excursion of Wilmington's "Finest" to Carolina Beach Great Success.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Athletic Sports and Pistol Practice Witnessed by Large Crowds—Grateful Thanks to Those Who Assisted. Nearly a Thousand Visitors.

The police excursion to Carolina Beach yesterday was a success beyond all comparison. The weather was delightful and nearly a thousand people went down to join the throng of merry-makers on the four trips of the steamer "Wilmington" during the day.

After a romantic love affair of 27 years duration Miss Hannah Mon-Namara, of New York, sues for \$100,000 damages for breach of promise. The fact that a man will dilly-dally with a girl's affections so many years is evidence that Meyer can't well get around. Guess he'll have to settle up for his long drawn out ad-Myeration.

Let Hannah Elias retire and pull down the blinds. Nan Patterson is an improvement over the octoroon, and she is enough to occupy the public eye just now. Somehow or other we don't believe Nan did it.

"Does a woman talk too much?" is a question that is being widely discussed. If it is answered either in the affirmative or in the negative it would simply bring on more talk. We ignore the interrogative.

Boys had better quit smoking cigarettes and get busy. At Vanderbilt University a few days ago young women carried off the highest honors for the first time in the history of the University.

William Jennings Bryan has declared against the candidacy of Judge Gray for the nomination for the Presidency. This clears Judge Gray of suspicion and makes him a Presidential probability.

It is announced that there will be a lively fight in the Arkansas Democratic State convention. We are now satisfied that Governor Jeff Davis is expected to attend.

A New Jersey bridegroom fainted at the altar as he led his June bride up to it. Some men would have a fit if they couldn't have a chance to get up to the altar.

LOCAL DOTS.

A 400-pound sea turtle was caught in front of the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, yesterday morning.

Brooklyn Baptist Sunday school will run its annual excursion to Carolina Beach next Wednesday, the 23rd.

Hatch Bros. will run their 90th excursion from Goldsboro to Ocean View next Wednesday, leaving Goldsboro at 7 A. M., and returning the same evening, without change of cars.

The Lumberton Robesonian is authority for the statement that Hon. Joseph A. Brown, of Columbus, will accept the nomination for Lieutenant Governor if it is tendered him.

Saturday's games in the Juvenile Baseball League will be played at 8:30 o'clock as follows: M. S. G. and S. S. R.'s at Seaside Park and the Railroad Juniors and Financiers at the 17th and Market streets. The public is cordially invited.

A hail storm near Laurinburg Saturday is reported to have ruined over 2,000 acres of cotton, cleaning it smoothly to the ground. The damage is estimated from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Fifty farmers are damaged. The hail is said to have been three feet deep in places.

James Davis, sent to the State's prison from New Hanover county in May, 1902, for a term of three years for larceny, made his escape from the State penitentiary camp near Dover on June 9th. A reward of \$10 and necessary expenses will be paid for his capture and return.

Hospital Statistics for May. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital was held last night, members in attendance having been Capt. Walter G. McRae, president; Messrs. Geo. E. French, Wm. H. Sprunt, J. H. Rehder, D. C. Love, Sam Bear, Jr. and Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy. The only matter of public interest at the meeting was the reading of the monthly report of the superintendent which showed that during May 91 patients were treated, a total number of 1,099 days and that in the outpatient department, eight cases were treated and 146 dressings furnished. The ambulance responded to 40 calls.

An old lady who had never ridden on a railroad car recently visited a station and was shown into the waiting room. She took a chair and prepared to enjoy herself. After sitting quietly for half an hour she reached over and touching a stranger on the arm remarked: "It rides real easy, don't it?"—Frisco (Tex.) Journal.

That Throbbing Headache. Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and give new life to the system. Money back if not cured. Sold by R. B. Bellamy, druggist.

THE GUBERNATORIAL RACE.

Friends of Leading Candidates Give Out Estimates—National Guard Notes. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., June 13.—The Adjutant General of the National Guard today issued a commission to Capt. Alex. P. Adrian, of Wilmington, as Inspector of small arms of the Second Regiment.

The Warren Guards, of Warrenton, recently disbanded on account of failing to pass the annual inspection, has been reinstated and designated as Company E, Third Regiment.

The Corporation Commission issues a call for a report of the condition of all State, private and savings banks at the close of business on June 30th.

Not a little interest prevails here now over the claims of the friends of the several candidates for gubernatorial honor. Hon. John C. Turner, one of the most astute politicians in the State, to-night gives out an estimate of the strength developed thus far in 85 counties which have been heard from. His estimate of the strength of each is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Strength Estimate. Includes names like Glenn, Davidson, and Turner with numerical values.

Total strength of candidates is 1,145. There is a total of 1,245 votes in the State Convention. Mr. George Pell, a manager for Capt. Glenn gives out from Winston to night the relative strength of the two leading candidates, based upon reports from 32 counties as follows: Glenn, 523; Stedman, 387.

THE SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING.

Three Cases Before the Mayor Yesterday. Defendants Take an Appeal.

Three cases growing out of the movement of the city authorities to stamp out the illegal sale of liquor on Sunday were called in the Mayor's court yesterday. J. E. Eneatt, a licensed dealer at Front and Dock streets, through his counsel, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., waived examination and gave \$300 bond for his appearance at the 30th term of the Superior Court.

John Dew, J. W. English, J. R. Hardee, W. J. Howard, H. W. Howell, J. J. Moore, E. L. Smith, J. Meier, W. F. Craig and J. B. Farrar failed to score.

The chicken contest. The blindfold chicken contest was one of the most amusing features of the day. The handsome hammock offered by Alderman M. G. Tencken was won by Policeman J. J. Moore, while Hall Officer E. L. Smith captured the second prize—a box of fine cigars, offered by Alderman F. E. Hershagen.

The foot races. The 100 yards foot contest was divided into two classes—heavy weights, or those weighing over 175 pounds, and light weights, or those under 175. The first prize in each was a fine pair of shoes offered by the Mercer & Evans Co. and J. W. H. Fuchs, respectively. The second prize in each was a box of fine cigars, offered by Messrs. T. J. Gore and Adrian & Co.

In the heavy weight class, Capt. N. J. Williams came first, Leon George second and E. R. Chadwick third. In the light weight race, J. J. Johnson came first, Frank George second and W. J. Howard third.

The jumping contest. In the jumping contest, open only to heavy weights, Capt. N. J. Williams captured the prize—a box of fine cigars, offered by J. M. Hall & Bro. and L. George and E. R. Chadwick came second and third, respectively.

Policemen return thanks. The committee and members of the force as one man desire to return thanks to Capt. Jno. W. Harper for his courtesy in extending to them the complimentary trip and for his uniform kindness to them and members of their families. It will be a long time before the thoughtful services of Capt. Harper will be forgotten by the men.

The officers also desire to return their thanks to all merchants who donated prizes and assure them that their liberality is highly appreciated. To Wm. E. Springer & Co. they feel especially thankful for a fine, double-barreled, breech-loading shot gun offered for the contest. It was not included in the prizes of the athletic events but was awarded to Policeman I. F. Huggins as holding the lucky number drawn out of a hat.

The members of the force also desire to thank the judges of the contest who entered into the festivities with spirit and enthusiasm, giving entire satisfaction. The judges were Maj. C. E. White, Alderman J. A. Kerr and Chief John J. Furlong, respectively.

The policemen also desire to thank the three brewing agencies in the city for kindly remembrance during the day in the way of refreshments.

Winston-Salem Sentinel: It may be of interest to those away from here who are commenting on the subject to learn that the letting out to the lowest bidder of several offices under the Salem municipal government is an old custom that is still honored in the observance.

Mr. J. F. Reynolds, who is in St. Louis, writes a friend here that Dr. J. A. Blum is doing his best to make a creditable tobacco exhibit for North Carolina at the Exposition, but that he is somewhat embarrassed by not having sufficient amount of the weed. The Winston-Salem tobaccoists are urged to send Dr. Blum at once the material needed.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Maude Edna Brower, the Bride of Mr. James Bruce Taylor—Beautiful Reception Followed.

Beautiful in a decoration of evergreen and flowers and thronged with merry wedding guests, the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brower, No. 616 Red Cross street, was the scene last night of an impressive marriage ceremony which joined as man and wife Miss Maude Edna Brower, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brower, and Mr. James Bruce Taylor, a popular young man of Wilmington, the officiating minister having been the Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. church, assisted by the Rev. R. B. Johns, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, M. E. church.

The ceremony was performed at 9 o'clock and was one of the prettiest wedding services witnessed in Wilmington in a long time. A beautiful altar had been provided in the front parlor of the home and there in the presence of hundreds of friends and relatives the young folks pledged their troth as the beautiful strains of "Oh! Promise Me" were softly played by Miss Fannie Corbett, the organist.

The bridal party entered to the tune of the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin. The bride wore a lovely costume of white silk mullie and was attended by Miss Lillie Jones as maid of honor. Miss Jones was becomingly gowned in a beautiful costume of white organdie. The groom was attended by Mr. W. Z. Corbett as best man. The male attendants wore the conventional black. Both Corbett played with delightful effect "Rustle of Spring" by Chaminade. The exit of the party from the parlor was to Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The guests were received for the wedding by Mrs. E. H. Bowdoin and a reception immediately followed the ceremony proper. Delightful refreshments were served in the dining room. Mrs. W. H. Cox, Mrs. T. J. Brown and Mrs. G. B. Webster having received the guests there. A wealth of beautiful and very useful wedding gifts were received, besides letters and telegrams of congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will make their home in Wilmington, where they have a host of friends. The bride is much loved and admired by all in the circle of her acquaintance. The groom is a most excellent young man and is held in the very highest esteem by the people at large.

INSPIENT RIOT AT HOPE MILLS.

"Lunette, the Flying Lady" Show Attached by Cotton Mill People. (Fayetteville Observer, 15th.)

There was a small sized riot at Holt-Morgan village last night, which centered around the tent of a travelling show called "Lunette, the Flying Lady." The troupe travels in two wagons, and consists of four men and two women, and yesterday they pitched their tent on the Holt-Morgan hill, where last night a performance was given. After the show some boys threw stones at the tent and the show people claim, broke the lamps and otherwise tried to wreck the outfit. One of the bullets struck a young man named J. F. Lewis, breaking his leg.

Shortly after the occurrence Sheriff Martin Deputy Sheriff Magellan was arrived on the scene and arrested Davis and Adams and placed them in jail.

This morning they were given a preliminary trial before Magistrate Overby, who bound them over to court, \$50 in the sum of \$100 and Davis, Adams, both gave bond and were discharged.

STEDMAN LEADS IN EDGECOMBE. Will Receive One-half or More of County's Vote in State Convention. (Special Star Telegram.)

TARBORO, N. C., June 14.—The Edgecombe county convention was held to-day. About one-third of the delegates were instructed for Glenn. Friends of no other candidate called for a vote. Stedman supporters claim one-half of the strength of the county, and Davidson will probably receive a majority of the remaining one-third. Edgecombe has 25 votes in the State convention.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 14.—An unofficial report from the Nash county convention says Glenn received 12 and Stedman seven votes. The county has 20 votes in the State convention. The Stedman managers claimed only seven votes in Nash, but think the official returns will give him eight and perhaps more.

WEDDED IN FAYETTEVILLE. Miss Sarah Louise Hart Bride of Consecrated Man—The Guests. (Fayetteville Observer, 15th.)

A small company of relatives and friends assembled at the residence of the Misses Hart, on Cool Spring street, at 8:30 o'clock yesterday evening to witness the marriage of Miss Sarah Louise Hart to Mr. William J. Bradley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. T. Graham, of the First Presbyterian church, in an impressive manner. The handsome bride, the daughter of the late Levi A. Hart, of Wilmington, N. C., is a lady of rare personal charms, and the groom is a prominent resident of New Haven, Conn., who has made many friends during his stay in Fayetteville.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. W. E. Storm, of Wilmington, a sister of the bride; Mrs. Peck, also of Wilmington; Miss Nannie Gordon, of Charlottesville, Va., and Mr. Frank Bradley, of New Haven.

Fayetteville Observer: Yesterday Sheriff Marsh garnished Mr. O. B. Ledbetter, superintendent of the Waterworks Company, for poll taxes due by several negroes of a large force he had employed digging ditches and laying pipes. This morning every one of the men, whether garnished or not, quit work (the latter fearing, no doubt, that they would be garnished), saying that they did not intend to pay any poll tax.

STATE B. & L. LEAGUE.

First Annual Meeting of State Organization Being Held at Wrightsville Beach.

AN EXCURSION TO-DAY.

Address by President Wittkowsky and Yearly Report of Secretary and Treasurer—Sessions on the "Economic" This Morning.

The first annual meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League was called to order by President S. Wittkowsky, of Charlotte, at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, at 8 o'clock last night. Vice President T. A. Marshall, of Wadesboro; Secretary and Treasurer E. L. Keeler, of Charlotte; a majority of the Executive Committee and a number of members and visitors were in attendance. The body is not the largest of those which will hold their annual meetings at Wrightsville this season, but it is perhaps one of the most representative and important. Other delegates are expected to arrive to-day.

After the opening preliminaries last night the address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Iredeed Meares, of Wilmington, in his characteristic manner of enthusiasm and cordiality. He spoke of the industrial progress of Wilmington within the past few years, quoted authentic statistics of the volume of business transacted at the port and ascribed much of the general prosperity of the community to the seven flourishing building and loan enterprises in successful operation here. The response in behalf of the visitors was by Heriot Clarkson, Esq., of the Charlotte bar, who brought glad tidings from the Queen City, which he declared the "garden spot of the world." His acknowledgment of the welcome expressed by Mr. Meares was graceful in the extreme.

The principal feature of the session was the annual report of President Wittkowsky, one of the leading and most enterprising business men of Charlotte and a moving spirit in the building and loan life of that city. He may well be called the father of the Building and Loan League, for it was largely through his instrumentality that a permanent organization was effected at Wrightsville a year ago. In his address last night he pointedly set out the necessity for a State association and pointed out some matters of remedial legislation that lay in its path of duty. He advocated a repeal of all the laws now on the statute books with reference to building and loan associations and the re-enactment of another more suitable and simplified. Present law, said out of date, he said, and were framed when the State did not have the number of home institutions it has now. Amendments have been tacked on from year to year until the law is now like a crazy quilt. It needs to be simplified. Many of the provisions were aimed at foreign corporations, which was all well and good, but they were unjust in many ways to home enterprises. President Wittkowsky recommended the appointment of a committee to use its best endeavor at the next session of the legislature to procure the passage of a law as set forth in a draft which he submitted.

The League at once acted upon the suggestion of Mr. Wittkowsky and appointed Messrs. Jno. H. Gore, Heriot Clarkson and Chase Brenizer to constitute the legislative committee.

The report of Secretary and Treasurer Keeler followed the address of the president. The work of the League during the year was reviewed. The interest was not so great as it should have been and only a small number of associations had affiliated with the State organization. However, those included in its membership handled a large percentage of the capital invested in building and loans in the State.

To-day the visitors will come up to the city and go for an excursion to Southport and to sea on the steamer "Compton," leaving Wilmington at 9:30 A. M. All persons interested in building and loans are requested to accompany the visitors on the trip. All will be cordially welcomed with their friends. A business session of the League will be held aboard the boat.

To-night another session will be held at the Seashore Hotel. Mr. W. M. Cumming, of Wilmington, will discuss "The Differences Between a Building and Loan Association and a Savings Bank." There will also be addresses by Mr. Jno. H. Gore, Mr. J. A. Marshall and others.

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NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.

Congressman Jno. H. Small to be Temporary Chairman of the State Convention Next Thursday.

WEDDING IN WHITE AND YELLOW.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, No. 120 Dock street, last night at 9 o'clock, Miss Ida Lee Taylor and Mr. Marlon Johnson, both popular young people of this city, were married in a beautiful service, performed by the Rev. D. P. Robbins, of Duke, N. C. The parlors of the home were very attractively decorated with palms, plants and flowers, a color scheme of white and yellow having been carried out with pretty effect. The ceremony took place under an arch of evergreens and was witnessed by a large number of friends of the young people.

The wedding march was skillfully rendered by Miss Mabel Littleton—a bridal chorus from Mendelssohn's Wedding March as they left the room. A selection was softly rendered with charming effect as the words of the service were being spoken. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk trimmed with pearls and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and maiden hair ferns. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. L. A. Bristol, as dame of honor. Mrs. Bristol wore white organdie over yellow and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair ferns. The groom's best man was Mr. L. A. Bristol, while the other attendants were Miss Mary McKinney with Mr. S. Francis Garrison, and Miss Mary Dicksey with Mr. Luther A. Curtis. The male attendants wore suits of the conventional black with boutonnieres of white carnations. The bridesmaids wore white organdie over yellow. Following the ceremony a wedding reception was given at which many beautiful presents were displayed and the bride and groom received the congratulations of very many friends.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rich, of Funston; Miss Lucy Robbins, of Funston, and Mr. Owen Taylor, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Grand Chapter and Commandery Elect Officers—Kecil Rhodes Scholarship. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., June 15.—The Cecil Rhodes Scholarship Committee awards scholarships for North Carolina to J. Horner Winston, of Durham, with Henry Trantham, of Wake Forest, alternate. Horner Winston is a son of ex-Judge Winston and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, elected the following officers to-day: William Anderson, Charlotte, Grand Master; James C. Mendenhall, Greensboro, Deputy Grand High Priest; Lot Williams, Wilson, Grand King; A. B. Andrews Jr., Raleigh, Grand Scribe; M. S. Willard, Wilmington, Grand Treasurer; James C. Mendenhall, Wilmington, Grand Secretary; J. C. Braswell, Enfield, Grand Captain of the Ho; J. B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Prince; J. P. Southerner, U. M. Robinson, Wilmington, Grand Royal Arch Captain; J. W. Shufford, Hickory, Grand Master, Third Vell; H. A. Murrell, Charlotte, Grand Master Second Vell; J. E. Cameron, Raleigh, Master Third Vell; R. H. Bradley, Raleigh, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of North Carolina, convened in 24th annual session to-night and reports showed an increase of 15 per cent in membership. There are 13 commanderies and 897 knights. Charlotte was selected as the place of meeting for the next session. The following were elected: F. Ulrich, Newbern, Grand Commander; L. A. Dodsworth, Charlotte, Deputy Grand Commander; A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, Grand Master; J. E. Cameron, Raleigh, Grand Royal Arch Captain; J. W. Shufford, Hickory, Grand Master, Third Vell; H. A. Murrell, Charlotte, Grand Master Second Vell; J. E. Cameron, Raleigh, Master Third Vell; R. H. Bradley, Raleigh, Grand Sentinel.

This afternoon the Cryptic degrees were conferred on fourteen candidates from various parts of the State. The commandery will enjoy a barbecue in the afternoon and the Shriners a banquet at night to-morrow.

WEDDED AT POINT CASWELL.

Miss Gailie T. Black, the Bride of Mr. McDuflie, of Mobile, Ala. (Special Star Correspondence.)

POINT CASWELL, N. C., June 15.—At 5:30 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Simpson McDuflie, of Mobile, Ala., and Miss Gailie T. Black, of Point Caswell, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Caswell Presbyterian church, the Rev. Mr. McCaswell, of North Carolina, officiating. The bride was attired in white silk mullie and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The groom was attired in the regulation black costume.

The ceremony was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers by the friends of the couple. Miss Gailie is the daughter of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Black, and the sister of Capt. D. J. Black. As the wedding had been announced on Sunday there was a large crowd of friends to witness the ceremony. After the marriage the party returned to the home of the bride, where a sumptuous dinner was prepared and the display of wedding presents was made. They were numerous and useful.

Greenview Reflector: Raleigh is the centre of a great upheaval of sentiment against the lax divorce law that prevails in North Carolina. Every section of the state should join the movement to have the divorce laws changed by the next legislature. The law that is now in force is a disgrace to the state.

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of an accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Buckle's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. Only 25c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. Castoria is the best on earth. Only 25c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.