

**PRESIDENT TAFT WILL BREAKFAST
IN AN HISTORIC MANSION****Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sprunt****The Head of the Most Extensive Cotton Ex-
porting Firm in America to Be the Presi-
dent's Host When He Visits Wilmington
Tuesday, November 9.****HOME FIRST CUSTOM HOUSE**

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 1.—The splendid colonial residence where President Taft is to be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, on the occasion of the president's visit to Wilmington on Tuesday, November 9, is already associated with some of the most remarkable historical features of this old colonial city. Occupying a high elevation at Front and Nun streets, this ideal home commands a magnificent view of the harbor to which the rear of the premises extends, a garden and a private wharf constituting the water front of the fine property. The surroundings, front and rear, embody a typically tropical effect, embracing a setting of growing palmetto trees, and tropical flora, lovely conservatories, and charming gardens enclosed within an imposing wall which rises very prominently on the water front, at which point it presents the romantic aspect of a Scottish castle.

The property originally was used for the first colonial custom house built after the town became a port of entry while it was known in its earliest days as Newton of New Liver-
pool, about 1730, some five years after the town and port of Brunswick had been established about fourteen miles lower down the Cape Fear River. A few settlers of Newton or Brunswick upon Wilmington, built their humble habitations nearly opposite the confluence of the northeast and northwest branches of the Cape Fear River, which was then known as the Clarendon River. In a few months the hamlet was increased to the proportions of a village and was named New Liverpool. In 1733 it was surveyed into town lots, and, increasing in importance, the town was afterwards called Newton. In 1739, through the influence of the Colonial Governor, Gabriel Johnston, the name of the town was again changed to Wilmington, in honor of the Governor's patron, Spencer Compton, first and only Earl of Wilmington, Speaker of the British House of Commons. In 1760 King George, Second, made the town a Borough. In 1786, King George, Third, having succeeded to the throne, invested it with the corporate title of "Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the Borough of Wilmington."

It was upon the site of what is now Mr. Sprunt's property the first custom house was erected and where the first comptroller of colonial customs resided. Prior to the year 1829, the residence became the home of the first Governor of North Carolina elected by the people, Governor Edward B. Dudley, a salesman of liberal and patriotic views, of commanding presence and of most amiable manners. Governor Dudley was a leader in every private and public work for the benefit of Wilmington and of the State. As a notable instance of his public spirit and progressive ideas, he contributed of his own fortune \$25,000 toward building the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, of which he was the first president and which pioneer railway enterprise was destined to be a part of the great Southern system known as the Atlantic Coast Line.

Subsequent to Governor Dudley's gubernatorial career, Wilmington's first captain of industry served as a member of the Twenty-first Congress, to which he was elected in the year 1829, but he declined re-election to the next Congress because of his aversion to the dishonest practices of public life in that day. Thus we see illustrated in North Carolina's first Governor to be elected by the sovereign people that lofty civic virtue and high sense of honor that to this day characterize the people of North Carolina.

Reverting to the historic mansion where Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt will be hosts to President Taft, it was there, in May, 1815, that Governor Dudley entertained for a week or two the distinguished statesman and powerful orator, Daniel Webster, who visited Wilmington as the Governor's guest. Mr. Webster doubtless was well cared

resided during his official life in Wilmington some years or more.

About the year 1835, a number of prominent citizens of Wilmington met in Governor Dudley's bed chamber, known as the "yellow room," and subscribed for the construction of North Carolina's first railroad a greater sum than the whole amount of taxables on public record in Wilmington at that period. Governor Dudley was the leading spirit on that occasion, and, as already stated, was the railroad's first president.

Some sixty years or more after Governor Dudley had passed away, this residence became the property of Mr. Henry Walters, of Baltimore, who, singularly enough, occupied for a number of years the same bedroom as his distinguished predecessor, and in those same inspiring precincts, Mr. Walters, now having become the guiding spirit of the railroad which had its inception there, conceived the magnificent plans which have developed his wonderful achievement recorded in the greater Atlantic Coast Line of today, a system which controls more than 19,000 miles of railway, with Wilmington as its headquarters, and which has become the most stable of all Wilmington investments.

It is a remarkable fact that during Governor Dudley's residence here, which was beset with many difficulties, the credit of the railroad company reached such a low ebb that a dealer refused an order for one hundred dozen shovels necessary for the work of construction, and it was only through the endorsement of private citizens that this great railroad undertaking, later to be evolved into one of America's great railway systems, was saved from premature bankruptcy.

A few years ago, Mr. Walters, the present distinguished head of the Atlantic Coast Line, discovered in the archives of the company, written in Governor Dudley's beautiful handwriting, a letter in which the Governor resigned the presidency of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, for the purpose of representing his people in Congress, and in which he outlined for his successor a policy, which, it is remarkable to relate, unconsciously had for years previously been adopted by the promoters of the Coast Line without any knowledge of Governor Dudley's far seeing wisdom.

In the historic mansion where the President is to breakfast on the morning of November 9th, another scene of remarkable interest occurred in the dining room on the occasion of the marriage of Governor Dudley's eldest daughter to Lieutenant Johnston, U. S. A., stationed at the military post of Fort Caswell, on the Cape Fear at Smithville, now known as Southport. Lieutenant Johnston's attendance at this notable Wilmington wedding was Lieutenant W. T. Sherman and Doubleday, both of whom became distinguished generals in the war between the States.

In the lovely and elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt President Taft will be the recipient of a refined hospitality that will give him a lasting impression of Wilmington, and it is in North Carolina's port, rapidly gaining in its commercial importance to the Republic, that he will receive the honors of a people who have been noted for their patriotism, their national spirit and their industrial achievements.

His host, Mr. Sprunt, is himself one of the master figures in the commerce of the United States, he and his brother and partner, Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, constituting the firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son, which is the most extensive cotton exporting firm in America. It is a matter of fact that their compressing plants in Wilmington, embracing seven modern and powerful compresses, constitute the best equipped and greatest of all such establishments in the United States. For labor and freight alone this mammoth factor in the South's great cotton industry, dis-

**TAFT REACHES
CRESCENT CITY****Reached New Orleans Saturday
Morning Two Hours Late—
Warmly Greeted.**

New Orleans, Oct. 30.—The tardy arrival here of President Taft with his retinue of 32 State's governors, 20 Senators, 177 Congressmen, two cabinet officers and a number of representatives of foreign governments marked the end of the first waterways junket ever participated in by a President of this nation.

The Pinchot-Taft conservation policies and the Cannon-Taft waterways policies are the chief subjects of discussion.

The President, with Governor Sanders of Louisiana, and Governor Noel of Mississippi, arrived at the foot of Canal street from Baton Rouge two hours late. Originally scheduled to get here at 8 in the morning, the delays that began far up the river set the President's boat back more than two hours, while the other boats of the fleet strung in here at intervals after noon.

The President was met by an escort of 5,000 citizens, and a military and naval parade when his boat warped up at the head of Canal street. A crowd of more than 10,000 persons were thronged in and about the piers, and when the President walked down the gang-plank of the Oleaner he was hailed by a chorus of cheers and canon salutes that was taken and repeated for five miles along Canal street and through the downtown district. The salute was typical of the noise that has marked the arrival of Taft at other towns he has visited since he began his long run around the nation.

The President immediately became the center of interest in a parade of 5,000 men that proceeded through bays of palm trees and sugar cane erected on streets leading through the center of the business district. Mr. Taft broke away early in the parade and went to his headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel, where from a balcony he reviewed the procession. After the 5,000 gaily uniformed citizens and soldiers and sailors from four battalions had passed the hotel Mr. Taft devoted an hour to New Orleans and friends and then had luncheon with Archbishop Blenk, whom he knew in the Philippines. Meanwhile the 3,000 delegates to the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway association, where he was to speak, had begun their convention in the big amphitheater.

Following the preliminaries in which Governor Sanders and Mayor Behrman had the principal parts, President Taft, after the association, delivered his address, in which he asserted that the time has come when the public demand for the improvement of the Mississippi river will brook no further delay and that the Mississippi Valley States will not return to Congress an aspiring statesman who is opposed to the waterways improvement propaganda.

**JEFF AND JOHN-
SON TO FIGHT****The Contest Must Take Place
Before July 5th of Next
Year.**

James J. Jeffries, retired champion heavyweight boxer of the world, and Jack Johnson, present holder of the championship, met Saturday and signed articles of agreement to box for the title.

The articles provide for a contest on or before July 5, 1910, for a division of the purse on a basis of 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser, and for the posting of \$10,000, \$5,000 of which is already up and which is to go as a forfeit in case either man backs down; the contest to be held before the club, organization or person offering the best financial inducements, and the contest to be conducted strictly within legal regulations.

"LENA RIVERS"

Judging from the general tenor of press comment the county over, that the cast of characters for "Lena Rivers" could hardly be improved, Manager A. H. Windish has signed the same company which will be seen at Brown's opera house for an engagement of Miss Edna Marshall, who will appear as "Lena," supported by an exceptionally strong cast, Saturday night, November 6th.

**FINED BECAUSE
THEY COULDN'T
GET HIM IN JAIL****Man Much Too Large****Dan Wadsworth Has an Advan-
tage Over Every Other Ordinary
Citizen in Connecticut--Weights
Nearly 500 Pounds.****HEADS FAT MEN'S CLUB**

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 30.—Dan Wadsworth proffed again today by the advantage he has over every other ordinary citizen in Connecticut—he can't be put in jail. Dan weighs 436 pounds in his fighting shoes and is built like a top top desk. He knows that he has a bulge on any court in this section.

When a man is convicted for a third time of selling liquor illegally in this State it is customary to send him to jail rather than to impose a fine. But when Dan, who conducts a tavern on the outskirts of the city and is president of the Connecticut Fat Man's Club, was before Judge Clark for sentence this morning after conviction, Judge Clark could only impose a stiff fine.

Last winter after one of Dan's periodical convictions Sheriff Dewey saw that he was gaining weight at an alarming rate. The sheriff decided he would not run the risk of having to tear out a wall of the jail. So, with one man in back, another in front and the sheriff acting as a sort of shoe horn, he gently wedged in Dan's bay window and with a "heave ho" painfully landed Dan outside and liberated him.

At the time a man is writing a love letter he really thinks he means it.

**Alleged Slayer of Mayor New-
berry Not Guilty Says Jury**

Beaufort, Oct. 30.—Court convened at 9:30 Saturday morning. Solicitor C. L. Abernethy consumed four and one-half hours in going over the evidence for the State. He placed special stress on the evidence of C. E. Herrington. Judge Gulon made a lengthy charge, paying special attention to every part of the evidence that could in any way assist the jury in giving its verdict. At 3:30 the jury took the case for consideration. At 5:30 the jury sent for the judge and after court convened the jury was called and polled and a verdict of "Not Guilty" was given.

After the discharge of Jack San-

**LARGE CROWDS
ATTEND SERVICE****Rev. Dr. Black Delivers Strong
Sermon at Opening Service
at M. E. Church.**

The First Methodist Church was packed last evening, the occasion being the initial service of the union meeting which has been advertised to take place, for several weeks past. The meeting will be in progress for the next ten days, if not longer, and will be under the leadership of Rev. William Black, an evangelist not only possessing a State reputation, but a national one. Dr. Black delivered his first sermon last night, taking as his topic the parable of the sower. His discourse was plain, pointed, terse and thoughtful. From the very beginning he impressed his large audience with his earnestness and his familiarity with scripture. He speaks fluently and with ease. Mr. Burr, the choir leader, is an expert in his line. The music last night showed the marks of his excellent training. There will be services each night this week commencing at 7:30 o'clock and each morning at 11 o'clock to last not over an hour.

This meeting is being conducted by the different pastors of the city, and all the congregations are worshipping together for the accomplishment of one end and purpose. After Dr. Black had concluded his sermon last night he and Mr. Burr sang most sweetly "Some Happy Day." It was a most fitting climax to a service already evidenced for good.

Dr. Black is an evangelist of the first rank. Before entering the ministry he was a practitioner at the bar. He knows life and does not fail to tell people of their faults, their defects, their misgivings. His coming to Washington is hailed with pleasure. A great meeting is looked for and judging from the size of the crowd last night, the expectations of those in charge look as if they will be realized. Everybody cordially invited to the services both morning and evening.

**Former Citizen
DIED LAST WEEK**

Mr. Amos P. LaBarbe Succumbed to Short Illness of Paralysis in Asheville.

Mr. A. P. LaBarbe, who was stricken with paralysis Sunday night, October 24, quietly passed away Tuesday at 35 minutes past 12 o'clock at his home, 155 Chestnut street, Asheville, N. C. He was a devout Catholic, and in his last hours received all the rites of the church. His death, though not unexpected, as he had for some time been in failing health, was a great shock to the family. He is survived by a wife, one son, Mr. H. LaBarbe and four daughters, Misses Nellie, Bettie and Gertrude LaBarbe, of Asheville, and Mrs. J. M. Lee, of Watha, N. C., to mourn his loss. All were present during his illness and at his death.

**LAW FIRM
DISSOLVES****Bragaw & Harding No Longer.
Mr. Harding Moves to Savings
& Trust Building.**

The legal firm of Bragaw & Harding, who have been engaged in the practice of law here for the past few years, have dissolved copartnership by mutual consent. Notice to this effect appears elsewhere in today's paper. Mr. Bragaw will continue to occupy the rooms of the late firm over the Daily News office, and Mr. Harding will have a suite of offices in the Savings & Trust Co. building, corner of Main and Market streets.

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**MEMORIAL CEREMONY TAU TRIBE
NUMBER 18 SUNDAY AFTERNOON****Services at Brown's Opera House****An Appropriate Program Was Prepared and
Rendered--The Oration of Mr. E. L. Stew-
art and Eulogy of Mr. N. L. Simmons
Were the Features.****THE DAY A MEMORABLE ONE**

Sunday, October 31, was a memorable one to the members of Tau Tribe No. 18, Improved Order of Red Men. For years to come the "Star of Memory" will ever linger over this glad day. It was a fitting crown, wreathed and placed on the brow of an order that has accomplished so much good. Yesterday marked the placing of the very capstone of this order's achievement. With bowed heads and bleeding hearts the members marched with marshal tread from their wigwam to the opera house and there paid their last tribute of respect to the memory of Augustus Latham, W. F. Foster, Thomas F. Brown, W. E. Swanner, James O'Carroll, H. Wharfting, M. B. Thomason, E. E. Phillips and L. R. Mayo. Since the order was organized in Washington as Tau Tribe, these brothers have wrapped their blankets about them and sought the happy hunting grounds around the camp fires of eternal peace.

For weeks these memorial services have been looked forward to by the order and those of our citizens interested in the welfare of Redmanship. The archives of memory were sought and to the world was published once again the virtues, the manliness, the hopes of those now sleeping beneath the bosom of earth they once trod as faithful, loyal Redmen. Their bones

rested on the shining pine and the warble of the birds, yet, although gone to another hunting ground, those left behind on yesterday placed forget-me-nots on their graves. As the speakers said, "They loved their fellowmen."

The opera house, where the memorial exercises were to take place, had been beautifully decorated and festooned in the colors of the order. From the ceiling was suspended strips of scarlet, light blue and light green; also the stage was attractive. All exhibited the deft touch of an artist. Promptly at the appointed hour, the brave warriors of peace were seen to wend their way down the aisle headed by the Sachem, Mr. Heber Winfield, who also acted as master of ceremonies. After the tribe had taken their allotted places the choir from the Methodist Church opened the impressive services with an anthem, "It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks." Mrs. D. M. Carter, Miss Ada May Ayers and Mr. Lyndon Shaw, being the soloists. This was followed by the roll call of deceased members by the Chief of Records, Mr. W. H. McDevette. At this juncture the Sachem arose and paid a most fitting and beautiful tribute of respect to those of the tribe now sleeping the sleep of death. Mr. Winfield was most happy in his remarks. His remarks showed preparation and his delivery was magnetic and smooth. This eulogy was one of the pleasing features of the occasion. A

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quartette composed of Mrs. D. M. Carter, soprano; Miss Ada Rhodes, alto; Mr. Jno. A. Arthur, tenor; Mr. Lyndon Shaw, bass, sang "Haste Traveler, Haste."

Mr. Norwood L. Simmons was next presented, who delivered an panegyric to the memory of the deceased Redmen. His address was in keeping with his reputation as a speaker. On this occasion his well rounded periods, his beauty of diction and his depth of thought, was the subject for the highest commendation. Each word was coined with a purpose and framed in sentences to attract and interest. It was a gem.

"Peace, Perfect Peace" was then rendered by the choir.

The Stump Chiefs and the members went through the regular exercises ordered for such services. The Prophet of the tribe then rendered an invocation, which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Gary Boyd; Mrs. A. S. Fulford, being the pianist. A tribute to the memory of the departed brothers was then pronounced by Mr. J. J. Johnston, the Senior Sagamore. Song, "America," was next sung. The next feature of the exercises was the oration of Mr. Edward L. Stewart, whose theme was "Redmanship."

Mr. Stewart needs no commendation from the Daily News as a speaker. His reputation is too well known in this community. The people attending the memorial exercises and the members of Tau Tribe, participated what was to come, and when this gifted young man had taken his seat the countenances of those present showed that their expectations had been fully realized, if not exceeded. It was a great theme, handled by a master hand. For nearly an hour he held the attention of his audience as by magic. His eloquent words, couched in sentences sublime were framed in pictures never before surpassed here. His delivery is easy, his diction enviable. That this young orator met fully what was to be expected of him is today universal. What a pity it was more of the citizens could not have heard this admirable address.

In place of the solo announced to be rendered by Mrs. D. M. Carter, the choir sang "In the Hour of Trial." This was followed by a tribute from the Junior Sagamore.

"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow," was sung by the entire audience and the benediction pronounced.

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