

BEGGED COUNCIL TO PROVIDE WORK

Unemployed Man Pours Tale of Suffering Into The Ears Of Councilmen.

Shabbily clad and with a week's growth of whiskers on his face, Frank Loftin, a middle-aged white man, who resides at the corner of Seventh and Wright streets, appeared before city Council this morning and begged that some arrangement be made whereby he might obtain employment. Mr. Loftin declared that he had been to various places in the city in search of work but without success and he told Council that his wife was without shoes and too thinly clad to venture on the streets during the cold weather. He declared that he had practically nothing to eat in the house. Mr. Loftin is the father of one child—a girl 12 years old—and if conditions at his home are as he painted them something should be done to alleviate the suffering that the family is being subjected to. Mr. Loftin explained that he once worked for the city, but was laid off for a period and was never put back to work.

Councilman McCaig suggested that the condition be relieved temporarily through the charity fund and that Mr. Loftin be given employment as early as such could be arranged for. It was pointed out that the extension of the water mains will necessitate the hiring of a number of men and the sense of the board was that all proposed work in the immediate future be done by the city and not let out under contract. In this manner persons who are in want can be given employment. Councilman Bradshaw stated that the case of Mr. Loftin was only one of many that had been brought to his attention recently.

The report gotten up by Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, and Councilman Bradshaw relative to the disposal of refuse other than by dumping it into the river near the foot of Kidder street, was read and accepted. The report pointed out that the purchase of cans to be used in dry closets would greatly reduce the cost per service and would eliminate the necessity of dumping refuse into the edge of the river near Kidder street.

Councilman Bradshaw asked that an additional shed be erected at the city stables in order to properly house all implements belonging to the city. He explained that they were deteriorating in value because they had to be left out in the weather and he thought the erection of this shed would more than pay for itself in a short time.

Councilman Bradshaw also informed the board that he had over-run his budget more than \$3,000, but stated that he guessed all knew where the money went as much improvement had been done. He further added that he wanted several carloads of gravel at once for repair work on streets and that it was imperative that they be supplied him. The matter was referred to the finance committee who will make provisions for supplying the gravel.

BURIED THIS AFTERNOON.

Funeral from St. Andrew's Church—Burial at Oakdale.

Funeral services were conducted over the remains of the late Mrs. Bettie Thomas, wife of Mr. John H. Thomas, who passed away at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, and the remains were interred in Oakdale cemetery. The following served as pall bearers: Honorary—Messrs. W. H. Sprunt and Thomas R. Post. Active—Messrs. W. B. McClellan, J. G. Carroll, D. L. Latta, A. H. Sheppard, W. B. Thorpe and J. C. Stewart.

The deceased had been a member of St. Andrew's church for a long number of years and a resident of the city for the past 28 years. She was 66 years old, a woman of strong character and likeable nature. The many beautiful floral designs showed in which she was held by her many friends.

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JAPANESE TOYS REPLACE GERMAN

Land Mikado Will Make a Strong Bid For Trade of This Nature In Future.

It is hard to determine just what extent Japanese toys will make themselves felt on the local market, but the consensus of opinion is that the war has changed the nationality of Santa Claus from German to Japanese, speaking broadly, and this is made evident by the predominance of Japanese toys in the windows of various shops throughout the country. Reports from New York are to the effect that few toys other than those made in Japan are being offered for sale, this, of course, excepting American-made toys.

"Made in Japan" has been substituted for "made in Germany." The wonderful displays from the Cherry Blossom Kingdom delight the hearts of parents, as well as the little folks, for the inventive genius of the Japanese has produced a line of playthings that is unique.

The Japanese steamship Wakasa Maru recently nosed her way into New York harbor after a 16,000-mile journey around the Cape of Good Hope in order to dodge the submarines of the Teutonic allies; it was loaded with toys. There were geisha dolls, mechanical roosters which eat corn out of a bucket, and no end of new and original playthings.

The Japanese have been studying the toy market and have taken advantage of the International combat to bring toy-making up to the usual Oriental perfection and in all probability will make a strong bid for the toy market even after peace is declared.

Whether Wilmington kiddies are supplied with Japanese, German or American-made toys matters little to them. They only hope that Santa Claus will not forget them and if he cares to make his pack in the Flowery Kingdom or in war-torn Germany it matters little to them. They want to be remembered and local merchants have taken the necessary precautions to see they are well looked after. Regardless of the titanic struggle that has rocked Europe and caused German toy-makers to devote their time and energy to other work Christmas in America and in Wilmington will not be a toyless Christmas.

WANTS BACK TAXES COLLECTED

Would Not Be Necessary to Burden People With Bond Issues.

While Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant is not opposed to bond issues he is of the opinion that if the \$30,000 owed the county as back taxes could be collected it would not be necessary to burden the taxpayers with additional bond issues and so expressed himself yesterday. Mr. Grant is perfectly willing to give the voters the opportunity of expressing themselves at the polls regarding the proposed \$250,000 bond issue for school purposes, yet he thinks the money owed the county should be collected. While not in position to say why these taxes had not been collected he feels that a special effort should be made to collect them.

DINNER AT COUNTY HOME.

Will be Given Under Auspices of the Yoke Fellows Band.

A Christmas dinner is to be served the inmates of the county home at noon Monday, under direction of the Yoke Fellows Band. Dinner was made possible through the kindness and co-operation of several of the churches and a number of persons and the arrangements are being looked after by General Secretary J. B. Huntington, of the Y. M. C. A., and secretary of the Yoke Fellows Band. The food will be sent to the home Saturday and prepared under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Dempsey and Miss Calie Mills.

PROFIT HAS BEEN LARGE.

Members of Royal Arcanum in This State Well Looked After.

The Carolina and Cornelius Harnett Councils, Royal Arcanum, listened to a splendid address Monday night by Past Grand Regent and Supreme Representative Harvey B. Craven, of Ridgecrest, N. C., in which he pointed out that the beneficiaries of the two local councils have received during the past 37 years \$100,000 more than the entire membership of both council have paid into the treasury of the Supreme Council. He added further that beneficiaries in this State have received a quarter of a million dollars more than they have paid into the treasury.

BACK FROM VERDUN.

Dr. Owen Kenan Will Spend the Holidays Here With His Mother.

Dr. Owen Kenan, of this city, survivor of the Lusitania disaster, and winner of the Croix de Guerre for distinguished service at Verdun, has returned to New York, according to the New York Herald, and will spend several months in this country. Dr. Kenan will visit his mother, Mrs. James G. Kenan, in this city, during the holidays.

The Herald carries a lengthy account of Dr. Kenan's experiences at Verdun, where he has been under fire almost continuously for the past ten months.

ALL ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE

Letters Are Mailed By Superintendent R. L. Davis In Interest of Prohibition.

The forces of the Anti-Saloon League are expecting residents of this city as well as all sections of the State to lend every assistance possible in helping to pass more stringent legislation relative to prohibition is evidenced by the letters that have been received by various persons in the city from Rev. R. L. Davis, as superintendent of the league. These letters ask that all co-operate and point out that the number present will have much to do with the vote when the legislature acts. In his addresses at the Grace and Fifth Avenue Methodist churches two weeks ago Mr. Davis set out these points very clearly and he is now making an effort to reach all by mail. A copy of the letter follows:

"We are arranging for the greatest temperance convention in the history of the Anti-Saloon League. It will be held at Raleigh, January 15-16, 1917. William Jennings Bryan will be there and address the convention at 2 p. m. Monday. Judge S. D. Weakley, of the Supreme Court of Alabama, will speak that night, and Mr. J. Sidney Peters, prohibition commissioner of Virginia, is on for Tuesday morning. The resolutions committee will report Tuesday morning and their report will be freely discussed.

"The purpose of the convention is to get behind this measure and put it through the general assembly. Come to the convention and help us. Get your church, Sunday school, church board, Sunday school class, B. Y. P. U., Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, Y. M. C. A., W. C. T. U., or other organization to send delegates. Tell others to come. All persons attending the convention who shall sympathize with its object are entitled to membership. Send your preacher.

"Members will count. If the members of the general assembly see many in attendance, they will know that the people stand for this legislation and will be likely to pass it. The Anti-Saloon League has ordered 1,000 badges, and expects them all to be taken. It will be a splendid souvenir, a celluloid button with the United States flag and the name and date of the convention on it. Be sure to register early and get one.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will give the visiting delegates a reception from 6 to 7 p. m. Monday at the Y. M. C. A. Of course, you want to be there. There will be no charges and we must let the ladies know by the 13th how many plates to serve. So please write me by that time if you expect to attend.

"Come and let your influence count. Let the general assembly know that you are not satisfied with the present anti-liquor laws, but that you desire something better. Don't forget the date—January 15-16, 1917.

"R. L. DAVIS, Superintendent."

CONFERRED YESTERDAY.

Dam Will Probably be Completed at Brown's Landing by February.

Capt. J. R. D. Mathewson, in charge of the construction work of the dam across the Cape Fear at Brown's Landing, was in the city yesterday for a conference with Major A. E. Waldron, in charge of the Wilmington Engineering District, relative to the progress of the work. The lock was recently completed.

Following the conference Major Waldron stated that in all probability the dam will be completed by the first of February. Some delay has been occasioned in taking up the piles and cofferdam around the lock. This work required a little more time than had been anticipated.

WOULD IMPROVE SERVICE.

Vice-President Capps Writes Member of Traffic Committee.

According to Vice-president Capps, of the Seaboard Air Line, an improved passenger service between this city and Charlotte is a thing to be soon realized. He has recently written a member of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce relative to this matter. Mr. Capps was in New York last week and was prevented from attending the Charlotte conference, but has kept himself well posted on the matter and his letter was written Saturday following a conference with President Harahan, Friday, of last week.

It is the desire of the Seaboard, according to Mr. Capps, to furnish the very best service possible between this city and Charlotte, as well as elsewhere, but the soft pedal is applied when the proposed additional trains are spoken of.

Diamond in Turkey's Crop.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Frank J. Hardy, of No. 4451 North Racine avenue, had almost given up hope of having a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Thirty-five cents a pound for an undressed bird seemed an awful price to pay. But Mrs. Hardy, who is an economical housewife, said she could get along without the fancy extras, so Hardy bought the fowl. In dressin' g the turkey Mr. Hardy found a diamond stud in the bird's crop. It was a pure white stone, weighing almost a carat, and valued at \$150.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC FOR WILMINGTON

Dr. Nesbitt's Prediction That City Would Have One Is Coming True.

Five new cases of measles have been reported to the Health Department since yesterday afternoon and according to Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, it is almost certain that the city is to be visited by an epidemic of this disease, which apparently is now getting well underway. While at present there are less than ten cases within the city limits, the health authorities feel confident with the rapidity of the development of the last few cases that the malady is to prevail to a large extent during the next few weeks.

Dr. Nesbitt sounded a warning early in November and at that time predicted that the city would have a large number of cases of measles this winter. He based his prediction on the fact that a city is visited by the disease once every few years. It was in 1912 that Wilmington had its last epidemic and at that time there were several hundred cases in town during the winter months. It seems that a city is visited by measles periodically.

Ordinarily measles is a disease that every parent believes that their child will have sooner or later and that home remedies are all that are required to put the sufferer on its feet again, but Dr. Nesbitt stated this morning that the disease was much more serious than it is thought to be and requires as careful nursing as does typhoid fever or diphtheria and that it should have the skilled attention of a physician constantly as the after effects are often worse than the disease itself.

As measles is a disease that spreads before the cae can be diagnosed by a physician, it is practically impossible for the Health Department to control it. Children give the disease to one another before they or their parents realize they have the malady. Therefore, Dr. Nesbitt states that the only way to immunize a child is to keep it at home while the disease is prevalent.

Ushered in with a sore throat, cough, red eyes, measles makes itself known when the sufferer discovers that they have a sudden high temperature. This is followed by the rash, which after a few days, disappears. However, it is not uncommon for pneumonia and other serious diseases to follow and that is the reason that careful nursing and attention by a physician is necessary.

Dr. Nesbitt stated this morning that it is often the case that parents believe that measles is only a slight child infection and proceed to doctor the patient with teas, etc. This, he stated, is dangerous and the patient should have the attention of a physician often. Doctors are backward in declaring the disease is a serious one, knowing as they do that measles is commonly thought to be a minor ailment, and do not visit the sick one often as the parents would be almost sure to believe that the physician was endeavoring to run-up the bill.

This should not be the case, Dr. Nesbitt declared, and the mother of the infected child should require the attending doctor to call often and watch the progress of the malady. The mortality rate from measles is not so large, but the death rate of persons suffering from the after effects is very large, as the records will show.

Where a child shows any symptoms of measles in school Dr. Nesbitt stated this morning that the teacher has been instructed to send the pupil home at once and report the fact to the Health Department that it might be followed up.

New Money For Christmas

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TO SHOW STYLES MARKET VERY ACTIVE

Event to be Staged at Victoria Will Attract Many.

A very clever idea conceived by Lady Duff Gordon to show the evolution of styles for women and to emphasize standardization in styles, is carried out in the collection of dresses of the prevailing fashion and very extreme types and exhibited for the benefit of the 20,000 women delegates to the Biennial in New York last May, who have made this particular subject a study and who are working to bring about a standardization in clothes for women.

Those who saw the exhibit were forcefully impressed as to the impracticability of many of the styles that women who are slaves to fashion have accepted, and the utter folly of women becoming the slave of fashion regardless of health comfort or beauty instead of forcing fashion to become a slave to them.

Individuality was stressed and women urged to select their clothes according to their own particular type and needs. The collection of dresses now belongs to the New York Teachers' College and is valued at \$300. Among the collection are many of Worth's creations. The dresses were loaned to Mrs. Henry A. White, of High Point, chairman of Home Economics of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

A most efficient and practical chairman, always on the alert to promote any good work under her department, she presented the exhibit in Morganton before a number of visiting club women guests of the large club of that town. The entertainment was so unique and interesting with a decided educative value that many who saw it asked permission to use the dresses for similar exhibition in their home towns.

It has been given the Piedmont theatre of Charlotte and Lexington and will be given in Asheville next week. Under the auspices of Sorosis it will be presented at the Victoria theatre Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in connection with a delightful musical program of Christmas music, and the Three Springs sung by a trained chorus of Wilmington's best talent, members of the music department, of which Mrs. Frank Ross is chairman. The small sum of 25 cents will be charged for admission to defray the expenses of the exhibit. The following young ladies will show to advantage the dresses of long ago: Miss Athalia Bunting will impersonate Marie Antoinette in a regal court costume; Misses Louise Worth, Essie Harris, Eleanor Harris, Miriam Holliday, Myrtle Vollers, will wear the colonial styles; Miss Mary Belamy an evening creation of the period of the War Between the States; Miss Florence Taylor will represent a later period of the seventies; wraps and dresses of the eighties will be worn by Misses Sue North-

Christmas Suggestions

SHOE-UP FAMILY

—For Instance:—

- Grandpa: A pair warm felt slippers;
- Grandma: A pair Comfort shoes;
- Father: A pair P. L. Button shoes;
- Mother: A nice pair soft kid shoes;
- Sister Kate: Dress slippers;
- Brother Tom: A pair dressup shoes;
- Brother Willie: A pair Rubber boots;
- Aunt Sallie (cook): A pair Rubbers;



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Probably the scarcest article on the market today is White Broadcloth. It has been used so very extensively for collars and cuff sets that the demand was too great for the supply, and real Broadcloth has been off the market except at extra high prices.

We received a bolt of twenty yards of best grade, Botony Broadcloth, 52 inches wide, priced at, yard . . . \$3.00

Jewel Cases, Silk Lined

We are showing an attractive line of Jewel Cases, in all shapes and sizes. Priced at 50c to \$2.50

Fur, Suits Coats, Dresses for Ladies

Boxed Neckwear, 25c, 35c, 59c and 75c

Don't wait too long to buy of these Neck Fixings. Neatly boxed; ready for Christmas giving. They won't be here long.

Leather and Velvet Handbags for Christmas Giving

Put this suggestion down on your little memorandum book: Handbags. Whether "She" is old, young or middle-aged; small, medium or large, we have a hand bag that will become "Her" and which will be highly appreciated by recipient.

Leather Handbags, all styles, priced at \$1.00 to \$10.00
Velvet and Plush Handbags, pouch and other shapes, priced at \$1.50 to \$6.50