

OFFICERS COMING TO INSPECT W. L. I.

Major Ward and Colonel Stringfield to View Company Tomorrow Night.

To inspect the members of the Wilmington Light Infantry with a view of ascertaining their fitness for military field service, Major Philip Ward, U. S. A., of Fort Monroe, Va., in company with Col. Thomas Stringfield, N. C. N. G., will arrive in the city this evening and will conduct the inspection tomorrow.

Major Ward and Colonel Stringfield tomorrow morning and afternoon will inspect the armory and the government equipment stored there, which includes all uniforms, guns, field equipment, all the instruments installed at the armory for conducting artillery tracking drill, etc. At 8 o'clock in the evening the company will form in the armory yard and be brought down on Market street between First and Second where Major Ward and Colonel Stringfield will inspect the personnel of the company.

As the Coast Artillery units of the National Guard were practically the only ones that were not included in the call of the Guard to the colors for duty on the Mexican border, the local Coast Artillerymen believe that the time is very short before they are to be called to mobilize by the War Department. Members of W. L. I. are of the opinion that in case of war they will be the first to be called upon to reinforce the regular Coast Artillerymen at the various forts on the coast.

In event they are ordered out the W. L. I. will mobilize at Fort Caswell, at the mouth of the Cape Fear, with the other five companies comprising the Coast Artillery Corps of this State. The corps is commanded by Major E. D. Kuykendall, of Greensboro, well-known lawyer of this State.

CASE PUZZLES PHYSICIANS.

Child Fell From Chair and Is Paralyzed—Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matlocks.

Miss Eloise McLean Matlocks, the three and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Matlocks, of No. 220 MacRae street, died from a small ricket chair at her home Sunday morning about 8 o'clock, and received internal injuries that caused paralysis of the entire left side of her body.

Immediately after the accident Drs. Graham and Hooper were called and made an examination, but owing to the fact that there is no external injury the case is somewhat puzzling to the child's case. It was stated by Mr. Matlocks, who is druggist at Smith's Drug Store, on North Fourth street, that the little girl has the power of speech and appears not to be suffering from any other ailment.

CARED FOR BY POLICE.

North Carolina Woman Finds Safety and Refuge at Police Headquarters.

The following is taken from yesterday's Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and shows that the paths of all are not strewn with roses and that police fields are not rough, inexperienced men that many would have one believe. The story is a pathetic one and is made more so because of the fact that the woman is a resident of this State.

Emancipated by the ravages of tuberculosis and about to become a mother, Mrs. Jessie Crocker, of Beaufort, N. C., is being cared for in the matron's department at police headquarters. She, according to the story told Mrs. VanDyke, police matron, when she staggered into the police office room at headquarters last Friday afternoon, was abandoned in Norfolk by her husband, Mrs. Crocker said that she came here on Wednesday to join her husband, who had been abandoned and ill the day before her arrival here.

Police Officer Debnam has arranged for transportation to carry the woman back to her home in North Carolina, but she is too weak to travel. She has been under the constant care of Mrs. VanDyke and Mrs. Hobbs, police matrons, and Dr. S. A. Simpson, since she was taken in by the police. The city home is the only hospital institution which will receive homeless patients, suffering from tuberculosis, and the woman will probably be sent there unless other arrangements can be made.

Mrs. Crocker was sincere in her praise of the police matron and police officer when seen by a reporter yesterday afternoon.

"I never thought," she said, "that I would be grateful in her eyes, that I would be treated by strangers. Since I have been here I have received better treatment than I have had in years."

BEST PROGRAM EVER OFFERED

Light Opera to Be Offered Is Expected to Delight Old and Young Alike.

The Redpath program in this city for 1917 has just been announced from chautauqua headquarters in Chicago. Bristling with compelling interest from first to last, this program includes such outstanding features as the Mikko Light Opera company of thirty members and the great Creator and his band.

Everybody likes a band. Since the days when we followed our first circus parade, to the pulse-stirring strains of the uniformed band sitting aloft in their gilded, palatial wagons drawn by prancing horses, we have never quite lost the magic thrill which always returns when we hear the rousing strains of a good band. Creator is one of the greatest band leaders our country has ever known.

When the well-known Italian leader first came to this country he was a veritable sensation. Dramatic, picturesque in his directing, and cyclonic in his energy, he was a master of emotional intensity and a revelation of musical possibilities. He quickly became the rage. Creator's genius lay, not only in his singular ability to impart to his men the contagion of his vivid emotions, but also in his usual mastery of instrumentation.

Creator has had a striking influence in the development of band music in this country. When he comes to the chautauqua for the closing day it is safe to say he will be greeted by a crowd that will tax the capacity of the tent.

Many people are very apt to regard grand opera as high brow—something that appeals to a few rather than to the many. Be this as it may, light opera appeals to all classes.

Another of the radically new features of this year will be community singing each day under the direction of a trained leader. The audiences during the week will in this way be given an opportunity to take a more active part in the chautauqua. Nothing in the musical life of America is more hopeful or significant than the movement for community singing now sweeping over the entire country. In the larger cities and in many of the smaller ones during the past year, people have come together in great numbers to give expression to their natural love for music. In Chicago last summer it was inspiring to hear 4,000 voices each night for a week on the Municipal Pier giving vent to their patriotic feeling through our National airs. Professor W. L. Tomlins, who had charge of these community sings in Chicago, has been secured by the Redpath to select and coach the leaders who will direct the community singing at the chautauqua this summer.

The lectures of this season will again bring the usual inspiration and helpfulness, both to individuals and communities, so essential to a well-balanced chautauqua week. Everybody will remember the great Health Day program presented by Dr. Chas. E. Barker two years ago. This year "Efficiency" as a subject which is only second to "Health" will be featured. The specialist on this subject will be H. L. Fogelman, of New York City, known as "Gating-gun Fogelman" because of his ability to speak 300 words a minute. Mr. Fogelman makes the point that every human being is a salesman, if he sells nothing more than his personality. In a magnetic way he will explain the laws of salesmanship which should interest women in their homes as much as merchants in their stores.

Miss Marie Mayer, who played the part of Mary Magdalene in the Passion Play at Oberammergau in 1910, the only actor in this world-famous drama who has ever spoken in America, will lecture on the Passion Play and the tragic fate of her unhappy people in the midst of a world at war.

Dr. George L. McNutt, widely known as "the dinner pail man," who many years ago left Presbyterian pulpits in Illinois to study labor conditions, comes on this program with a timely and eloquent message. Mr. McNutt has gained his knowledge in the laboratory of living men. He has worked in the shops, in the western camps and even on the streets.

Provided that Congress is not in session, Miss Jeannette Rankin, America's first Congresswoman, will be one of the headline lecturers of chautauqua week. Miss Rankin has already been engaged for this entire chautauqua tour and on the calling of an extra session of Congress will leave her plans. Should an extra session be called, another headline lecturer will take her place on the chautauqua program, while she is in Washington.

The Oratorio Artists, which come on the third day, is one of the standard high class quartets of this generation. Reed Miller is probably the best known oratorio tenor in this country. He was born in South Carolina and received there his early musical education. He has appeared on many occasions with the New York Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonic club of Minneapolis, and the Apollo club of Chicago. Frederick Wheeler, bass, has toured with many famous organizations, including Victor Herbert and his orchestra. Myrtle Thornburgh, soprano, has appeared with the New York Symphony orchestra as well as many leading choral societies. Nevada Van Der Veer, the contralto, won success abroad before coming to this country and has sung with some of the most famous organizations in this country, including the New York Symphony orchestra. Each one is widely known for his or her phonograph records. The Oratorio will delight the most discriminating music lovers. Nothing better has ever appeared under Redpath management.

PLANT OPERATING FULL TIME BASIS

Swift & Co. Will Be Able to Take Care of All Orders Contracted.

The fertilizer plant of Swift & Company is again in full operation, the shut-down of Saturday having no serious effect on the out-put of the plant, and since the threatened railroad strike failed to materialize the company is not anticipating any trouble, although certain materials that are used in the production of fertilizer are hard to obtain. It is pointed out that Swift & Company is better off in this respect than other plants in view of the fact that ammoniacs are produced as a by-product at the large packing plants of the company in the West.

It is announced from the office of the local plant this morning that the company will be able to fill all orders and they confidently expect this season to be the biggest in the history of the plant. Since the strike situation has been settled the company expects to fill the orders contracted without delay and the management wants the farmers to know that their wants will be attended to.

IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Wholly Unnecessary to Go Abroad to Alleviate Suffering. The attention of the charitably inclined—those who have much of this world's goods and who derive pleasure in sharing with the less fortunate, is called to the deplorable condition of the family living at No. 1406 South Second street, by a citizen, who requested that The Dispatch call attention to this family's condition with the hope that those in position to do so will help alleviate the suffering of this widowed mother who finds herself unable to provide for two babies properly.

APPEAL SECOND TIME

Tickets Have Gone On Sale For Entertainment.

The Wilmington Symphony Glee Singers who make their second appearance here next Friday evening in St. Andrew's Memorial Hall under the auspices of the "Euphonia," recently gave their first concert at Wallace, N. C., and were accorded a fine reception. In commenting on the concert the Duplin Record said that it was given by the best aggregation of trained voices that had ever visited their town. It was a masterly performance in every sense of the word and was a revelation of artistic and technical powers. The entire program was given with precision and charming sympathy and the solos with a breath of tone, clearness of attack and artistic phrasing which was fully appreciated by the large audience.

In remarking on the same concert, another paper said that the Club obeyed the slightest whim of their director. Wonderful effects were obtained especially on the pianissimo and forte work, while the crescendo and diminuendos were particularly worthy of commendation. The attacks were good and the blending of the voices very pleasing. The big number on the program was "The Miserere" from Ill Trovatore, which was rendered in an exquisite style, proving conclusively that the society did not have to confine itself within the scope of lighter music.

A most interesting and pleasing entertainment is offered the public Friday evening, March 23rd. Tickets on sale at the Wilmington Grocery Co., C. W. Yates & Company and Peterson

COMPLETE PLANS FOR THE CONTEST

Wilmington Y. M. C. A. Is After The Cup—All Members of Association Interested

Plans for the annual membership campaign for the Y. M. C. A. were completed at a meeting, held last night at that institution, at which time it was decided to have the young men employed with the Atlantic Coast Line form one division while the young men in the city will form the other. These two divisions will compete for honors as they did last year. Wilmington will enter the Inter-City membership contest of the South Atlantic States, which begins on March 28th and closes on April 3rd. Charleston, Columbia, Charlotte, Augusta, Winston-Salem and Jacksonville have already entered for the contest. The Wilmington association hopes to carry off first honors this year and capture the cup, as much better handicapped ratings have been given the smaller cities this year than in the past.

A tentative list of the team captains was made out at the meeting by the membership committee and they will be expected to get their men lined up in time for the opening of the contest. Practically every member of the association is expected to render aid in the coming contest for new members. The teams will meet each day for luncheon at the Association Building and reports will be made each night to the headquarters for the inter-city to the headquarters for the Inter-City contest at Columbia.

Was Another John. John Leak, colored, employed as baggageman by the Coast Line, wants his friends, both white and colored, to know that it was not he, but another person signing his name in a like manner, who appeared in Recorder's court yesterday and paid the costs following conviction, on a charge of assaulting a female.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOME GARDENING

State Figures That Eighty Per Cent of Food Can Be Grown in Back Yard.

The Dispatch is able to print the following information relative to gardening which it does upon special request of numerous ladies who are anxious to use their back yards and various vacant lots, that can be procured, for gardening purposes in an effort to cut down the present high cost of living. This information is authentic, having been procured from a reliable source and the novice can follow the instructions carried below and feel confident their efforts will meet with success.

The ground should be broken immediately, according to the best authority in the State. It is of greater importance this year than ever before that the people of the city have their gardens help bear the burdens of the family. The estimate of the State agent is that 80 per cent of the food for the family should be supplied by a well-managed garden.

Despite the fact that Wilmington is made up of a population not further removed than a generation at most, in nine cases out of ten, from the farm there are many people here who intend to farm their back yards this year who are not familiar with the planting time of the various vegetables. The State has supplied adequate information for Wilmington and her neighbors about gardening, instructions, which if followed, should produce good results. The proper breaking of the ground is important in the general outcome of the efforts of the amateur, or the professional gardener, for that matter, and advice is given by the State Department on that point, as well as on the time for planting. For the benefit of the novice in home gardening the following information will be both interesting and profitable.

"The home garden is one of the most important means of cutting down expense and helping to make the living of the family on the farm. It has been shown that 80 per cent of the table supplies can be produced at home by having a good garden, winter and summer. It can be made a source of much profit, health and comfort."

"For the convenience of the home-keeper the garden should be as near the kitchen as practicable, and not off in a field several hundred yards. It should be well fenced to keep out poultry and other livestock. There should be no large trees in or near the garden. They rob the soil of plant food and moisture, in addition to injury done by shading it. While most vegetables will grow on any common type of soil, yet, for best results, the garden spot should be of a sandy loam type with a good stiff subsoil 10 to 15 inches below. The land should be well drained, either naturally or artificially, and should preferably, slope to the east or south, so that it will derive more benefit from sunshine.

The soil should be broken from 8 to 12 inches deep. Shallow soils will not hold sufficient moisture to sustain growing crops through a dry period. It should never be plowed or tilled when either the soil or the subsoil is wet. This will puddle the soil, thereby injuring it for several years. The subsoil should not be thrown out on the top when doing spring breaking. The land should be well harrowed two or three times as soon as broken. This is to prepare a well pulverized seed-bed and retain moisture. The soil should be cultivated every seven to ten days during the spring, summer and autumn, unless too wet. When horse cultivation is used, long rows are preferable to short ones.

"The garden soil should be well supplied with humus (organic matter). Nothing is better than well-rotted stable manure, free from weed seed, applied broadcast at the rate of 10 to 20 tons per acre. Apply a hundred pounds of acid phosphate for every ton of manure. In addition to stable manure use from 500 to 1,000 pounds per acre of a good commercial fertilizer containing, if procurable, about from six to eight per cent phosphate, four to five per cent nitrogen and six to eight per cent potash. (Ashes from hard-woods, such as oak, hickory, etc., may take the place of potash.) Three hundred pounds of acid phosphate, 200 of cottonseed meal, and 100 of nitrate of soda, mixed, make a good application for a half acre garden, provided ashes are used separately to furnish potash. Fertilizers should usually be applied in the drill, but should be well mixed with the soil.

"For saving the surplus vegetables of summer for winter use, a home canner is indispensable. There are now on the market several effective ones, varying in price from \$6 to \$12. Cans are not expensive."

Time to plant: January—Garden peas, kale, mustard, Irish potatoes, radish. February—Asparagus roots, beet, carrot, herbs, kale, horseradish, Irish potatoes, lettuce, onion, mustard, pepper (T), early peas, rape, radish, spinach, spring turnip, strawberry plant. March—Artichoke, artichoke roots, asparagus roots, asparagus seed, bean, brussels sprouts, corn, cabbage (T), carrot, kale, egg plant (T), herbs, horseradish, kale, lettuce (T), mushoradish, onion sets, parsley, turnip, parsley, English peas, Irish potatoes, pepper (T), rape, radish, spinach, spring turnip, cmato (T), strawberry plants. April—Artichoke, artichoke roots, snap beans, Lima beans, beet, cabbage, broccoli (T), cabbage (T), carrot, celery (T), cauliflower (T), corn, cucumber, egg plant (T), endive,

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Statement to the Corporation Commission of the condition of the The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company. Wilmington, N. C., at the Close of Business on March 5th, 1917. RESOURCES: Loans \$2,700,434.28, North Carolina State Bonds 10,500.00, All Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages 33,330.43, Banking House 50,000.00, All Other Real Estate Owned 2,500.00, Cash 213,251.25, Invested Trust Funds 91,500.00, Total \$3,110,315.96. LIABILITIES: Capital 100,000.00, Surplus 200,000.00, Undivided Profits 81,567.77, Accrued Interest Due Depositors 5,000.00, Building Reserve 40,000.00, Discounts Unearned 25,000.00, Reserved for Dividend April 1st 5,000.00, Dividends Unpaid 92.50, Deposits 2,644,655.69, Total \$3,110,315.96. I, John Lewis Williams, Cashier of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. JOHN LEWIS WILLIAMS, Correct Attest: JOHN D. BELLAMY, JR., N. B. RANKIN, J. V. GRAINGER, Directors.

TRUCK TESTED OUT. Hundreds Assembled on Market and Front Street for Event. Before the admiring eyes of hundreds of people the motor aerial truck, recently purchased by the city to be used in fighting fires, was tested out yesterday afternoon and as the 75-foot extension ladder was slowly raised skyward and swung on its base astonishment shone on the faces of the multitude and while all had been expecting such a feat it caused the uninitiated to ponder and brought home the realization of how little the man is who has not accomplished anything. As the first section of the ladder stood high in the air the extension shot upward and leaned slightly until it rested just under the ledge of a seventh story window of the American Bank and Trust Company Building. Six blue-clad firemen shot upward with amazing agility and as they perched high in the air a tribute was paid them in the nature of handclapping. The extension was taken in, the main ladder swung around a second time and again the extension shot into the air, this time resting on nothing more substantial than sunshine and atmosphere. Luke Croom, a member of the department, was the first to ascend, and he was given an ovation by the crowd as his hands rested on the topmost rung of the ladder. Just what the city officials think of the new truck is not known, but the populace generally, assembled at the corner of Market and Front streets, seemed favorably impressed and all are agreed that the truck is an excellent addition to the city's already well equipped fire department. Girl students at Drake university spend on an average of \$139.50 a year for clothes, according to figures compiled by the co-eds in the home economics class.

Bon Marche Machine Needles to Fit Any Sewing Machine. Demonstration of Melba Toilet Articles Begins Today. Miss Christian, a representative of the Melba Manufacturing Co., is here for two weeks, and will be pleased to show you the various toilet articles made by this firm. The line is much larger and more comprehensive than what we would show under ordinary circumstances. The display is in the front of the store, and Miss Christian will be glad to have you come in and view this attractive assortment. A few of the many items are listed here. Melba Toilet Water, in all odors, including Lov' Me, Violet, Shamrock, Lilac and Rose, at 75c. Shamrock, Lilac and Rose, priced at 75c. Belba Rose Blush Rouge, priced at 25c. Melba Talcum Powder, priced at 50c. Melba Lov' Me Talcum Powder, priced at 25c. Melba Lov' Me Face Powder, in flesh, white and brunette, priced at 75c. Melba Face Powder, in flesh, white and brunette, priced at 50c. Melbaline Face Powder, in flesh, white and brunette, at 25c. Melba Greaseless Cream, priced at \$1.00 a tube. Melba Skin Cleanser, priced at 50c. in large size jars. Melba Face Cream Skin Massage, large size jars, 50c. Jaffeta Silk Special Value At \$1.19 Yard. Silk Ribbons are Stylish. This will be a season for ribbon sashes and girdles. All the new fashion journals show the ribbons to be profusely used in trimming of white and colored wash dresses. Our collection is large enough to permit of a splendid choice. We advise purchasing now. Tassels are used as a finish to the sash. We have a splendid stock of tassels in the new colorings. Wide Ribbons, in plain and floral designs, priced at 29c, 35c on up to \$1.50 a yard. Tassels, in black, white and colored designs, as well as gold and silver effects, priced at 10c to 75c. Special Sale of Rings at 23c. By a special arrangement with a jewelry manufacturer we are able to offer an attractive price on a large lot of rings. There are 72 different styles in all sizes, from infants' to men's. There are plain styles as well as those with the brilliant Fraolite gems, which are duplicates of the most precious stones. Every ring is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction by the manufacturer. Time of sale is limited. A very special value to sell at 23c. Prinzess Tailored Suits. Gossard Front Lace Corsets.