

MASS MEETING OF MEN TODAY

Arrangements Made for Great Gathering at Academy of Music This Afternoon—Special Music and Speakers on Programme.

Plans have been well laid for the great mass meeting for men in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Academy of Music this afternoon at 3 o'clock and as Wilmington took the initiative in this movement in the State, it is hoped that civic pride if not a sense of duty will compel a large attendance of the Christian men of the city, regardless of denomination, for the work is entirely interdenominational.

The meeting is preliminary to the great State convention in the same interest at Greensboro January 12th to 14th, and it is important that all interested in the evangelization of the world be present and lend their presence to an encouragement of the movement. There will be a list of interesting speakers both from Wilmington and a distance and the programme of music will be found entertaining and inspiring. The object of the National campaign, which will result in 70 cities of the United States being reached and 70,000 men being placed in intimate touch with the work before the first of May when a great world convention will be held in Glasgow, is to secure from Christians in America a recognition of the Nation's responsibility religiously for the world. The call is direct. The object is definite and vital. Upon the men of North Carolina the convention at Greensboro brings a responsibility that cannot be avoided and the meeting in the Academy this afternoon entails an obligation upon the Christian manhood of the city that cannot be escaped.

Every city in the State is moving for a large representation at the Greensboro convention and it is expected that fully 1,500 men will gather there in the first meeting of the year in the South. A splendid entertainment has been arranged and the speakers on that occasion are National as well as State-wide prominent. In every city a local organization is being perfected and the smaller communities are being interested from the larger centers. Some of the themes and the speakers included in the programme are:

- Men and Missions, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Newberry, S. C.
Transition and Urgency, Rev. C. A. R. Jarvier, of India.
America's World Responsibility, Mr. C. H. Pratt, Athens, Ga.
Significance of the Movement, Rev. R. W. Patten, Athens, Ga.
Systematic Missionary Education, Rev. T. B. Ray, D. D., Richmond, Va.
The Revival in Korea, Rev. C. T. Houshelt, Radford, Va.
The East Calls, Rev. H. F. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.
Prayer and Missions, Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.
The Adequate Missionary Policy, Dr. J. T. Henderson, Bristol, Tenn.
Business System in Missionary Finance, Dr. J. O. Reavis, Nashville, Tenn.
The Laymen's New Horizon, Dr. J. H. Apple, Frederick, Md.
Progress of Christianity in China, Rev. A. P. Parker, D. D., China.
The Field is the World, Dr. Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D., Alexandria, Va.
The Busy Man and the King's Business, J. H. Tucker, Asheville, C. A. Rowland, Athens, Ga.
Personal Investigation of Missions, Hon. Joshua Levering, Baltimore, Md.
Reflex Influence of Missions, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Wilmington, N. C.
The Stewardship of Life, Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D., Richmond, Va.
Christ's Call to Men, Dr. E. M. Poate, Greenville, S. C.
Light for the Darkest Africa, Mr. Willis R. Hotchkiss, Lumbwa, Africa.
These addresses will be concluded with an adoption of a policy by the Laymen of North Carolina and interdenominational meetings for work by each denomination.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Fulfillment Today.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, church office Market and 17th streets. Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon: "God." All invited.
St. Thomas Church: First mass 7 A. M. Last mass, sermon, 10:30 A. M. Vespers 8:15 P. M.
First Baptist Church: Fifth and Market streets. Deacons, J. H. Foster, pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. Holy Communion Friday 8 P. M. Grace M. E. Church, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 10:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to all services.
St. James' Church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., pastor: Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Evening prayer at 5 P. M. Organ prelude at 7:30 P. M. Evening song and sermon at 8 P. M. Everybody heartily welcome.
St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, pastor: Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Evening prayer at 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.
There will be a sacred concert at Chesnut Street Presbyterian church, colored, this evening at 8 o'clock. An hour to enjoy delightful harmony and inspiring melody. You are invited to come and hear our talented singers.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: Sunday after New Year's Day, Holy Communion with the Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Service of confession service, 7:30 P. M. Both services will precede our usual service at 8 P. M. A cordial invitation to all.
St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner of Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Searles, rector: Sunday services, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. evening at 7 P. M.
Trinity Methodist Church, Rev. E. R. Welch, pastor: Preaching morning and evening. Subject of "preaching" sermon, "New Year Resolutions." At night, "Voice in the Wilderness." Preaching at Villa View, Wrightsville Sound, at 3:30 P. M.
Larceny of Apples Charged. Sam Cooper, colored, who has been employed at the warehouse of The Hicks Company, was arrested by Constable W. B. Savage yesterday morning on the charge of stealing three barrels of apples from the company on Christmas Day. When the case was called for trial in Justice George Harris' court yesterday afternoon, the defendant, through his attorney, Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., waived examination. In default of \$50 bond he went to jail to await a hearing before the Recorder Monday.

FUNERAL OF MR. DAVIS

Impressive Services Held From St. James' Episcopal Church. From St. James' Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning beautiful and impressive funeral services were held over the remains of Mr. Nicholas Nixon Davis, whose sad death occurred in Waynesville, N. C., Thursday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of the church, assisted by Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the diocese. The edifice was crowded with friends and relatives who assembled to pay a last sad tribute to the memory of one whom they had loved, respected and admired during his long residence in this city. The many beautiful floral designs banked around the high casket were a silent testimonial of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Mr. James Sprunt and Dr. G. G. Thomas; active, Messrs. R. D. Cronly, Geo. B. Elliott, C. E. Taylor, Jr., George S. LeGrand, H. E. O'Keefe and M. W. D'vine.

Among those here from a distance to attend the services was Justice Platt D. Walker, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and Mr. R. D. Cronly, of Petersburg, Va.

FIRE FROM OVERTURNED LAMP.

Furnishings in Mr. Geo. Jackson's Dining Room Badly Damaged. The accidental overturning of a lamp on the dining table at the home of Mr. Geo. C. Jackson, 512 N. 2nd street, last night, resulted in a damage of \$50 or \$75 to the table, carpet and other things in the room. It appears that the lamp was resting near a loose board in the table and was accidentally struck by Mr. Jackson's little daughter. There was no one in the room at the time except Mr. Jackson and his little girl. The table cloth ignited and burned rapidly, the flames spreading to various parts of the room. Fortunately, the little girl was not burned in the least. No alarm was turned in, Mr. Jackson deciding to quench the flames himself. Several neighbors were attracted by the brilliant light from the dining room and in a short time water was being thrown on the flames by half a score of persons. The damage from water was almost as great as by the fire.

FIRE AT CAPE FEAR FISHERIES.

Wharf and Building Destroyed Yesterday Afternoon. Losses Heavy. Fire of unknown origin between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon destroyed a part of the wharf and a large building on the water front of the Cape Fear Fisheries Company, at old Brunswick, down the river. The damage is estimated at between \$3,000 and \$5,000 and is thought to be fully covered by insurance. The main factory building was not burned. The building destroyed contained the seine house, the cooper shed, elevator tower, coal bin, office and store building. The factory is owned by the northern corporation operating a chain of menhaden works down the coast and has not been in operation since the summer of 1908. The building was destroyed about five years ago. The fire in no wise affects the Ocean Fisheries Co., owned by local interests and which is situated some distance from the other factory.

SALE IS STILL ON.

Nearly a Thousand Suits Already Sold at I. Shrier's. It will be interesting to the clothes buying public to know that the sale of fine tailor-made suits instituted shortly before the holidays at the store of Mr. I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess streets, is not yet over. During the long winter season, nearly a thousand suits have already been sold, but Mr. Shrier and his clever force of salesmen are not yet satisfied and announce that they have just received by express another lot of patterns to replace others which have been entirely sold out and that in the last lot there are even greater bargains than were offered at first. Among them are many lightweight fabrics for Spring suits and a rare opportunity awaits those who visit the store this week.

JUDGE J. A. ERWIN TODAY

Will Preach Last Sermon Until He Returns Here in February. Judge J. A. Erwin, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Christian Church, will preach today for the last night until he returns to Wilmington in February from Osceola, Iowa, where he will hold a series of meetings during the month of January. He will use as his subject this morning, "The Second Coming of Christ and the Destruction of the World." Tonight he will preach on "Covetousness; Its Dangers and Effects." During his absence the pulpit will be filled part of the time by Rev. J. C. Caldwell, D. D., from Atlantic Christian College, at Wilson. The public is cordially invited to hear Judge Erwin today, both morning and evening.

WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK.

Contractors About Ready to Commence Work on Waterworks Plant. As stated in the Star several days ago the construction work in connection with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Wilmington waterworks plant will be commenced this week. Mr. J. W. Gurley, of the contracting firm of J. W. Gurley & Co., of Mobile, Ala., has arrived and is getting everything in readiness for beginning the work. More than 100 laborers will probably be used. The 24-inch piping, the largest size order for the new mains, has arrived and will be distributed on the streets where it will be laid.

Making Life Safer. Everywhere life is being made more safe through the work of Dr. King's New Life Pills in Constipation, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Liver troubles, Kidney Diseases and Bowel Disorders. They're easy, but sure, and perfectly build up the health. 25c. at Robert R. Bellamy's.

Legal Holiday. As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st.

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY FALL

Daniel Houston, 12 Years Old, Suffers Concussion of Brain and Bruised Thigh—Condition Regarded as Dangerous.

Acting strangely and unable to give an account of his movements for the preceding hour, Daniel Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Houston, returned to his father's shoe shop, No. 19 South Second street, from an errand Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock with concussion of the brain on the right side and an ugly bruise on his right hip, indicating that he had been thrown violently from the bicycle which he was riding.

His condition was observed by Mr. P. L. Houston, brother of the lad, who inquired what had happened. The lad said that nothing had happened—that he had not been hurt—and immediately got on his bicycle and rode away, returning again about 5 o'clock, complaining of a severe headache. His clothes were dusty, showing that he had had a fall. The lad was taken into the house and Dr. Morris M. Caldwell was summoned. The physician found that the boy had concussion of the brain and a bad bruise on the right hip. The wound in the head produced convulsions and the lad's condition is convalescent.

It was stated at the Houston home last night that the lad had been unable to tell anything about the accident and had no recollection of the bicycle. The lad was sent to deliver a pair of shoes on Sixth street, leaving the shop at 3 o'clock. When he returned an hour later the shoes were tied on the handle bars of the bicycle as they were at the time he left. It was at first thought that probably some one struck him on the side of the head with a brick but causing him to fall from the bicycle, but after it was found that the wound on the head and the bruise were on the same side this theory was abandoned. It is now believed that the lad either collided with a vehicle or fell accidentally from his wheel in making a sharp turn.

About three years ago the boy was seriously injured by his bicycle colliding with a coal cart and it was necessary for him to remain at the hospital for about three months. The brothers of the lad do not take much stock in the theory that the boy was injured by an accidental fall from his bicycle, saying that he was an expert rider.

INNOVATION IN BANKING.

Certificates of Deposit and Interest Coupons From the American. The American National Bank in an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper announces a new departure in progressive banking and one that promises to be quite popular with the public. Hereafter in its savings department, the American will issue to all depositors who care for it, a certificate of deposit to which are attached interest coupons that may be clipped and cashed at any bank in the United States upon identification and which obviates the necessity of a pass book or the time and trouble of having to apply at the home bank to draw interest or have the same entered upon the book. The form and system of deposit is original with Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, the enterprising young cashier of the American, though a certain form of deposit certificate have been in use in several out-of-the-State banks. The system invented by Mr. Cooper and upon which copyright protection has been asked, possesses many points of advantage. It is the standpoint of the banker and the depositor.

In denominations as low as \$200 and on up into the thousands, the American National when desired, will issue to the depositor a very elegantly engraved certificate of deposit, negotiable anywhere, and which are stamped 24 interest bearing coupons, payable each three months at 4 per cent. compound interest, and which may be clipped off and cashed at any time after maturity. There are also many other points of advantage which will be readily pointed to any one interested and who will apply at the bank.

When the 10th of the present month when the new stock recently subscribed is in, The American National will have capital, surplus and profits of over \$155,000, which is quite comfortable to the "healthy youngster," which the American National undoubtedly is.

Began Erection of Warehouse. Mr. W. E. Rowe, who operates a line of boats on the Northeast river, has begun the erection of a large warehouse on the river front, between Princess and Chesnut streets. The building will be 28x120 feet in size. The work has been temporarily stopped by Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz as Mr. Rowe had not secured permission from the Board of Aldermen as is required when building a wooden structure within the fire limits. The matter will come up for the consideration of the Aldermen at the regular monthly meeting tomorrow night.

County Teachers Met. Owing to the fact that yesterday was a holiday and many of the teachers had not returned from their Christmas vacation, the attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the County White Teachers' Association was not very good. Prof. Washington Callett, superintendent of public instruction, presided, and the regular course of study was taken up, fine progress being made.

A Wild Blizzard Raging brings danger, suffering—often death to thousands, who take colds, coughs and influenza—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-gripping cough. When Grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being laid up three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, its supreme. 50c. \$1.00. Guaranteed by Robert R. Bellamy.

BIG VAUDEVILLE BILL.

Make Things Merry Again This Week at Crystal Palace.

The Crystal Palace will open its doors again tomorrow, after a week of being "dark," and the new vaudeville offering will be large and of splendid type, so the management positively claims. It was originally intended to present the famous Gaiety talking moving pictures this week, but the company was unable to fill this time, though it will appear later, so the Palace gets back to its own this week. In doing so it will also make an extra big offering, so something choice and good may well be expected for this week. The bill will be especially strong for comedy, which, of course, is the popular thing in vaudeville nowadays, and there will also be an abundance of singing and dancing. A wire received last night from the booking agent states that the bill for this week will be a rattling good one.

The first performance of the new bill will take place tomorrow afternoon, and the usual night performances will be given, with the same scale of small prices prevailing. No doubt, the "first nighters" will crowd the popular theatre tomorrow.

STEERED THE IROQUOIS.

Tug Sea King Acted as Convey for Disabled Clyde Liner. The tug Sea King, Capt. Edgar Williams, steering the Clyde liner Iroquois, which was disabled off Frying Pan shoals last Monday night by the loss of her rudder, arrived with the big steamer off the Cape Fear bar late Friday night and the Clyde liner Carib, acting as rudder, proceeded with her to New York. The Iroquois in proceeding under her own steam and the Sea King assisting her to navigate, came with her from Charleston, a distance of 120 miles to the Cape Fear bar. The Iroquois went to her destination in a like manner to carry her passengers and cargo and it was necessary to convey her back to New York, where she will receive repairs. The tug and steamer coming up the coast had fine weather, and although lacking a rudder her machinery is working, and it is believed that she will make the trip without accident.

The Carib cleared from port at an early hour yesterday morning and took the place of the Sea King in assisting the distressed vessel.

RUSUME WORK TOMORROW.

Schools Re-Open After Suspension for the Holiday Season.

After a suspension of ten days for the Christmas season, the graded schools of the city will re-open to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock for the Spring term. The rural public schools, the Cape Fear Academy and Miss Alderman's school will also begin the Spring term tomorrow. Mr. J. J. Blair, superintendent of the city schools, returned to the city yesterday morning from his vacation spent in his relatives in the Piedmont section of the State. Prof. Seagle, principal of the High School, and Mrs. Seagle will arrive tonight, from Fayetteville where they spent the season with relatives. Many of the other members of the school faculties who spent the season out of the city have returned, and those who have not, are expected to arrive today. Mr. Blair stated last night that he was expecting a most successful term, both in the way of attendance and interest.

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL.

A Gratifying New Year's Announcement, That of Yesterday. As a greeting to its friends and the general public for the New Year, the Southern National Bank, of this city, on yesterday presented a very happy statement of its business at the close of the year 1909. Bearing less than five years ago and entering a field ably served by its competitors, this bank without the amalgamation or absorption of other interests, was able at the dawn of a New Year to give a statement of its resources and integrity during the past year, which credit to many larger and older institutions. Wilmington is justly proud of its banks, both savings and National, and The Southern is one of its most progressive, conservative yet liberal, ones.

AMUSEMENTS AT THE FORT.

Delightful Entertainment Given in Gymnasium Friday Night. The Fort Caswell Amusement Company, which organization has afforded unlimited pleasure at the post, gave a delightful entertainment in the gymnasium at the fort Friday night. The attendance was large, there being many from Southport. The entertainment consisted of vaudeville and acrobatic stunts and music by the Fort Caswell Orchestra. A special feature was the puging and juggling of Private Rife, Andrew and Murphy. It was stated by a member of the company who was here yesterday that the next entertainment will be a basketball game with the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. team, followed by an elaborate dance. The date has not yet been selected.

Building Permits Issued.

The New Year was started off right in the building line, one permit being issued yesterday. That was to L. Bishop to erect a one-story, five room house on 15th, between Orange and Ann streets, at an estimated cost of \$600. Two other permits have recently been issued from the office of Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz as follows: C. D. Gore, two one-story, four room houses in an alley, bounded by Orange and Ann and 11th and 12th streets, to cost \$400 each; Henry Williams, two-story, five room house at 720 Hanover street to cost \$750.

Claims That He Was Robbed.

According to a report made to the police yesterday morning by a white man giving his name as Moore, a New Year robbery was committed in a market street restaurant Friday night. He said that when he went into the restaurant he was commanded by one person to throw up his hands while another rifled his pockets of \$30 in money and a \$100 check. He gave only a vague account of the affair and the officers do not take much stock in his story.

THE COOK WILL SMILE

pleased and satisfied if she gets SAUER'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

THE SALE IS STILL ON

Nearly a thousand suits have already been sold. Every customer satisfied and surprised at the great values they are receiving.

NEW PATTERNS

Just received to replace the many which have been closed out. Among them are some light weights, suitable for the coming Spring season. It is indeed a rare opportunity, as goods will show a considerable advance in price this year.

Come and inspect the goods yourself, and you will see how you can save money.

Two sure winners—

- \$12.50 For Domestic Patterns Coat and Pants.
\$19.00 For Imported Patterns Coat and Pants.

The chance of the year is up to you to get a \$20.00 to \$30.00 value, made to your individual measure, for \$12.50, or a \$30.00 to \$45.00 imported value for \$19.00.

Special Sale Prices Strictly Cash. I. SHRIER Special Sale Prices Strictly Cash. The Reliable Clothier and Men's Furnisher, N. E. Corner Front and Princess Streets.

Don't Dress In the Cold. The New "Vulcan" Gas Heater will warm the bed room in a few moments. "The Heater With the Red Cone" The Gas Co. Sells Them.

ANNUAL DINNER TO EMPLOYEES.

Mr. D. L. Gore Does Handsome Thing for People of His Company.

One of the happiest of the holiday social features incident to the Christmas and New Year was the annual dinner given by Mr. D. L. Gore to the officers and employees of the D. L. Gore Company, one of Wilmington's oldest and most enterprising mercantile enterprises. The dinner was given on New Year's eve at the hospitable home of Mr. Gore, No. 604 Dock street, which was attractively decorated for the evening, the host of the evening being in his happiest mood and extending a most cordial welcome to those who have helped him make the D. L. Gore Company great. In the party were Mr. Gore, president; Mr. L. B. Rogers, vice president; Mr. W. W. Love, secretary and treasurer; Mr. D. D. Lendon, shipping clerk; Mr. M. M. Woody, stock clerk; Mr. T. C. Munif, bookkeeper; Mr. R. B. Shepard, billing clerk; Mrs. Ed Weaver, stenographer;

FUNERAL OF MR. WILKINSON.

Services Held From Late Residence Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. John E. Wilkinson, whose death occurred last Tuesday afternoon, was held from the late residence, 714 North Fourth street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There were present a large number of friends and relatives and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, and the burial was with Pythian honors, the deceased having been a member of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1. The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Dr. J. T. Schonwald and Mr. Jesse Wilder; active, Frank LeFelia, B. C. Moore, W. H. Sprunt, J. D. Kelly, Jerry Holmes and Layton L. Boone.

Supt. Blair Returns.

Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the Wilmington Public Schools, returned to the city yesterday from Charlotte where he has been attending the great Southern Educational Conference, the sessions of which he says were among the most successful ever held. Charlotte entertained the conference handsomely and the visitors were delighted with their entertainment in that city.