

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Flowerland, Loveland, God's Land, Your-land-Heaven. Lassie! My Love, if you'll give me your hand. We'll stroll down a pathway of Posies; I'll lead you to a glorious Land.

Miss Rita Meares, of Ridgeway, S. C., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Gaston Meares.

Miss Margaret Reese, of Charlotte, is the attractive guest of Miss Margaret Bridgers at her home, Third and Dock streets.

Miss Beulah Beery arrived yesterday from Whiteville to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crane and Dr. Tom Hamilton, of Marion, S. C., are here to spend the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Orrell.

Miss Cornie Fore, an attractive young lady of Charlotte, formerly of Wilmington, is in the city to spend several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Roger Moore, No. 415 Orange street.

Miss Nell Wilson, of Princeton, N. J., Miss Martha Robinson, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Elizabeth Davis, of Petersburg, Va., are the attractive guests of Miss Marguerite Short, at Lake Waccamaw.

The annual Easter egg hunt of St. Agnes Guild will be held in St. James' churchyard tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited and a most interesting and entertaining event is promised by the ladies in charge. The admission will be only 5 cents.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt of St. John's will be held in the church yard, on Third and Red Cross streets, at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. There will be a slight admission charged and there will be ice cream and candy for sale. All children are especially invited to come and bring their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bowden have as guests at their home on Wrightsville Sound Mrs. Bowden's brother, Mr. F. W. Edwards, probate judge of Allegheny county, Pa.; Mr. Veris Edwards, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and Dr. and Mrs. Burnett, of Pittsburg, Pa.

Many Wilmington friends of the prospective groom will read with interest and pleasure the following announcement, recently appearing in the Portsmouth, Va., Star: "Right Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Magill Randolph announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Barton Randolph, to Mr. James Fulton Wright, of this city, the ceremony to be performed on April 7, at 4:30 o'clock, at the Episcopal residence in Freemason street, Norfolk. The wedding will be very quiet and no invitations issued."

TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CHORAL SOCIETY. All those who expect to become members of the Choral Society of Wilmington, either as associate or active, are requested by the chairman of the membership committee, Mr. A. S. Holden, to send in their name and address, by mail or telephone, as early as possible so that it may be known who are to be depended upon to take part in the May Festival, the rehearsals for which will begin as the active membership is complete.

It is pleasing to know of the great success recently made of Hospital Day by the Woman's Auxiliary of the James Walker Memorial Hospital when special effort was put forth toward a fund for the installation of an electric elevator and other needed and very necessary improvements at the institution. Mrs. C. W. Biggood, chairman of the Auxiliary, has just transmitted through Mrs. Allan Nichols, the secretary and treasurer, to the Board of Managers of the hospital, the sum of \$943.85, the proceeds of the day. In return the Managers have written a very cordial letter of thanks to the ladies for their special effort, which was indeed crowned with magnificent success. The ladies would like very much to increase the amount to \$1,000 if there are other public spirited and charitably inclined citizens who would like to contribute.

1910 YEAR BOOK OF CAPE FEAR GOLF CLUB. The 1910 Year Book of the Cape Fear Golf Club, which is the 15th, has just been issued and copies are being mailed to the members by Mr. H. deW. Rapalje, the secretary and treasurer. The booklet is very attractively gotten up and contains much of interest to the members of the club, giving the names of the officers, directors, governing boards, etc., the constitution and complete list of full members, associate members and non-resident members. A splendid view of the handsome new club house is also given. The Cape Fear Golf Club is a member of the Southern Golf Association and the Carolina Golf Association. The officers are: President, W. D. McMillan, Jr.; vice president, John J. Blair; secretary and treasurer, H. deW. Rapalje; captain, R. H. Gwaltney, who with George Rountree and A. S. Williams, Esqs., and Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas compose the governing board. Mr. A. Menor is the professional in charge and Mr. W. Hubert is junior and green keeper. The officers of the corporation, Cape Fear Country Club, are: President, C. E. Taylor, Jr.; vice president, George Rountree;

secretary and treasurer, Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas, who with Messrs. J. J. Blair, T. M. Emergent, D. MacRae and A. S. Williams, Esqs., compose the board of directors. The standing committees of the Golf Club appointed by the president are: Greens committee, R. H. Gwaltney, chairman ex-officio, Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas, A. S. Williams, Esq., and Mr. J. J. Blair; tennis committee—Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas, chairman and Mr. J. J. Blair; house committee from governing board—George Rountree, chairman, Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas and A. S. Williams, Esq. and from the associate members—Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, chairman, Misses Lucile W. Murchison, Elizabeth P. Peck, Sarah G. Keenan and Alice Boatwright.

LOCAL DOTS.

The Norwegian steamer Drot, Capt. Eyrjenth, cleared yesterday for Norfolk. She discharged cargo of fertilizer constituents here and came to Heide & Co.

Sheriff Cowan desires it stated for the benefit of any who may have business with him after office hours that his phone 1020 in the city has been discontinued but that he may be found at 978—Call 1.

Through the real estate agency of M. C. Darby & Co., Mr. T. J. Keenan yesterday sold to Mr. V. Sidbury, 12 1/2 acres of land on the Newbern road about a quarter of a mile from the city. The land, although unimproved, brought over \$100 an acre.

Constable Savage yesterday morning arrested Bert Simmons, white, of Masonboro Sound, on a warrant charging him with assault on Richard Farrow, also white, on Masonboro Sound Friday. The defendant gave bond for his appearance at trial before Justice Harris Monday at 2 o'clock.

It was erroneously reported yesterday that the big Security had gone ashore on the outer bar while making port on Friday. It was the barge Sabine in tow of the Security that went ashore. The barge was subsequently floated with the assistance of the Security and the Blanche did not pull on her at all.

The Star is requested to publish the following: "A Correction.—Mr. C. D. Weeks, lawyer, did not purchase from Albert Gore, lot on Quince street, corner of Water street and Squire street. On the contrary, he did, without knowledge and consent of his mother and heirs, for \$100, purchase 2-45 of Albert Gore's interest in said property."

The deed conveying from J. W. Freeman to Capt. John W. Harper, for a consideration of \$16,000, the valuable Atkinson wharf property on Water, between Princess and Chesnut streets, was signed yesterday. This valuable property fronts 132 feet on Water street, and runs to the water line on the harbor front. The sale was made through the enterprising real estate agency of Messrs. J. G. Wright & Son.

Geo. H. Howell, Esq., referee in bankruptcy, at a hearing at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, adjudged Mr. R. D. Tacker, trading as the Wilmington Granite & Marble Works, on North Front street, bankrupt upon his petition. The first meeting of creditors will be held Tuesday, April 5th. The bankrupt is represented by A. J. Marshall, Esq.

W. Bennett, Herman Oranger and Sam Sloan, colored, were arrested at 12:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Patrolman C. E. Wood on the charge of gambling. The officer reported at headquarters that he found the men gambling in a house on Nixon, between Seventh and Eighth streets. In default of bond they were lodged in the city prison to await hearing before the Recorder.

The honor roll at the Wrightsville Public School during March was as follows: First grade, Dannie Lawhorne, Nora Dizer; second grade, Daisy Lawhorne, Retta Stokley, Harris Northrop; third grade, Willie Dizer, Ralph Piner; fourth grade, Fannie Mason, Samuel Northrop, Ella Piner; fifth grade, Sophie Northrop, Andrew Dizer, Mamie Mason; sixth grade, Mamie Roberts.

Charged with assault on George Bryan of the city street force. Arthur Tilly, colored, driver for Mr. C. D. Gilbert, commission merchant was arrested yesterday morning by Constable Savage. The negro gave \$50 bond with Mr. Gilbert as surety for his appearance at trial before Justice Harris Monday at 12:30 o'clock. It is said that the trouble started over the negro's refusal to move his team so the street force could remove some garbage in front of Mr. Gilbert's store.

Two brothers, George and Russell Williams, colored, elevator boys at the Garrell building, were given a hearing before Justice Harris yesterday morning on the charge of stealing money from Dr. J. W. Powell, the well known dentist with offices in the Garrell building. It was alleged that Russell stole a purse containing \$5.50 and George a purse containing \$1.75. The arrests were made by Constable Savage. The evidence was not sufficient to show probable cause and the cases were dismissed.

Deaths were filed for record yesterday as follows: Cameron F. MacRae and wife to W. VanHardin, for \$100 and other considerations, 31.5 acres of land in Harnett township, adjoining lands of Hugh MacRae and others; Robt. H. White and wife to Miss S. Budd, of Petersburg, Va., for \$100 and other considerations, lot on north side of Rankin, 99 feet east of Wood street, 21x66 feet in size; W. VanHardin to D. N. Chadwick, Jr., for \$100 and other considerations, 21.5 acres of land in Harnett, adjoining lands of Hugh MacRae and others; D. N. Chadwick, Jr. to Dr. Wm. J. H. Bellamy, for \$192, lots 5 and 6, block "C" Winter Park Heights.

Solicitor Rodolph Duffy here. Solicitor Rodolph Duffy, of Jacksonville, prominent candidate for Congress in the Third district, spent yesterday in Wilmington on business and was pleasantly greeted by his many friends here. Mr. Duffy will be here until this afternoon, when he leaves for Burgaw to attend Pender county Superior Court which convenes tomorrow morning with Judge C. M. Cooke, of Louisville, presiding. A three weeks' term of New Hanover Superior Court begins Monday, April 4th, with Judge Cooke presiding. The first week will be devoted to the trial of cases on the criminal side of the docket and the two remaining weeks will be for the trial of civil actions.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., was among the Wilmington lawyers returning yesterday from Brunswick Superior Court at Southport.

—Among the guests at The Southern yesterday were: O. T. Royal, Garland; E. L. Sleeper, Castle Haynes; C. S. Bostic, Charlotte; A. M. Beck and E. T. Rich, Fuston; E. T. Wallace, Council; E. W. Moore, Asheville; A. Sellers, Ivanhoe; F. L. Bell and R. T. Savage, Folkston; Stovell Mercer, Bolivia; J. A. Wooten, White Hall; E. W. Reeves, Ivanhoe; J. A. Stanton, Clarkton; R. F. Brooks, Currie; Ed. Miller, Charlotte.

BAKING CONTEST.

An Announcement of Interest to Housekeepers of Wilmington.

An announcement of great interest to the housekeepers of the city will be found in a page advertisement elsewhere in today's paper. A lecture on cooking and domestic sciences, also a baking contest to be held in the parlors of the Elks' Club at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 6th, will serve to attract many ladies of the city. The advertisement also announces that in the evening of the same day the Sorosis Club will give the public a reception when the articles submitted in this contest will be sold at auction.

Twenty of the leading retail grocers, together with the Sorosis, have made arrangements with the manufacturers of Cottolene and Ring Leader flour to give this contest to the ladies in connection with a special campaign in this city in the interest of these two staple products. A number of valuable prizes are offered, full particulars as to these being given in the advertisement. It is promised that the contest will be conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

All arrangements have been completed and the ladies especially desire that the merchants have as many of their patrons as possible enter the contest.

SOUTHPORT COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Allen and Visiting Attorneys Came Up by Special Boat.

Brunswick Superior Court in session at Southport during the past week adjourned at a late hour Friday night and Judge W. R. Allen presiding and a number of visiting attorneys and other court attendants came up to the city on the steamer Mohawk, Captain Hall, at an early hour yesterday morning, leaving for their homes on the morning trains.

After being out for more than 24 hours, the jury in the case of J. W. Brady, the only one of the Green Swamp defendants tried at this term, reported Friday night that an agreement was impossible and Judge Allen ordered a mistrial. It was understood that the jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal and on this showing Judge Allen declined a motion by William J. Bellamy, Esq., counsel for the defendant, for a reduction of bond. The solicitor was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. Meares & Ruark and Brooke G. Empe, Esq., counsel for the Waccamaw Lumber Co.

SENATOR EMPIE TO RUN

Reported on Good Authority That he Will Stand For Legislature.

It was reported late last night on what appears to be the best of authority, that Senator Brooke G. Empe would enter the race for the Legislature in this county, making a triangular fight for this important position. Mr. Empe is very popular in New Hanover and his friends confidently predict his election. He is a man of the greatest gentility, an experienced legislator and if the rumor be correct, his entrance into the fight will make a lively campaign.

Elsewhere in this morning's paper will be found the official announcement of Geo. H. Bellamy, Esq., for the State Senate from the counties of New Hanover and Brunswick. Mr. Bellamy responds to the card of "Many Voters" recently appearing in these columns and will be a strong factor in any race which he enters.

ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. R. C. Cantwell to Have Charge of Carolina Yacht Club House.

The governing board of the Carolina Yacht Club, at a recent meeting, elected Mr. R. C. Cantwell, a prominent member of the organization, superintendent, which position gives him general charge of the club house at Wrightsville Beach. Mr. Cantwell has been a member of the club for a number of years and is eminently qualified for the position to which he has been elected. It is understood that a number of improvements are contemplated. There is talk of erecting a covered pavilion in front of the club house to extend 60 or 70 feet out toward the ocean's edge, and it has also been suggested that a pavilion be built extending the entrance to the bowling alleys.

ROBBER OF SAVINGS

Mrs. Wentie Suggs and Mother Had \$25 Stolen From Them.

Mrs. Wentie Suggs and her mother, who live on South Front street, were robbed yesterday morning of \$25, representing all their savings, which they had in a trunk belonging to the mother of Mrs. Suggs. Report of the theft was made at the Recorder's office yesterday morning. It was stated that Mr. Suggs had not been working for some time, but was at home yesterday morning. Mrs. Suggs, who holds a position at the Colonial Inn, returned to her home during the morning and it was then that the robbery was discovered. It was stated that Mr. Suggs left the city yesterday morning on the north-bound train and it was thought probable that he took the money.

How Good News Spreads.

"I am 70 years old and travel most of the time," writes B. F. Tolson, of Ellsboro, Ky. "Everywhere I go I recommend Electric Bitters, because I owe my excellent health and vitality to them. They never fail to cure the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, invigorate the nerves and purify the blood. They work wonders for weak, run-down men and women, restoring strength, vigor, and health that's a daily joy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is positively guaranteed by Robert R. Bellamy.

SMITHSON'S BEQUEST

Origin of the Famous Smithsonian Institution.

THE CONTROL OF ITS FUNDS.

Uncle Sam's Treasury Holds Its Money, Which Can Be Used Only on Appropriation by Congress—Its Peculiar Relation to the Government.

Although the name of the Smithsonian Institution is a common household word in America and millions of persons have visited the great buildings in Washington where are stored the contributions of science which have been gathered under its auspices, few understand the real relation of the institution to the national government. Most persons believe that it is a part of the government.

The Smithsonian Institution, says the Washington Times, occupies a peculiar relation to this government. It is a part of it, and yet it is not a part. Its moneys are in the United States treasury and can be used only on appropriation by congress, and yet this money does not belong to the government. It is to the government only as the money of a ward is to a guardian.

James Smithson, who contributed the bulk of the fund in the hands of the institution, was an Englishman, the son of a peer of the realm. He was a man who could trace his ancestry back to royal blood. He never visited America and was never known to have any particular partiality for America until he wrote his will in 1826. He died at Genoa in 1829, and when they opened his will this is what they read:

"I bequeathed the whole of my property to the United States of America to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

This property amounted to about \$500,000, which was in that day a princely fortune. Six years after his death the United States legation at London was informed that there was about \$500,000 in the possession of the adjutant general of the British court of chancery awaiting claimant.

Immediately there arose in America all kinds of opposition to the acceptance of the money. John C. Calhoun and William G. Preston urged with all the fire of their eloquence that it was beneath the dignity of this government to accept such a gift. But John Quincy Adams and others prevailed, and Richard Rush was sent to England to prosecute the claim of this government.

He was successful, and on Sept. 1, 1838, the money was delivered at the mint in Philadelphia in the shape of 104,000 gold sovereigns, which were minted into \$308,318.48 in American money.

This sum by careful management and by additions from other charitable inclined persons has now become about \$1,000,000, which the government keeps and pays interest upon for the maintenance of the institution.

For the first eight years the money lay in the treasury while plans were being formulated for the permanent establishment described by Smithson in his will. Thousands of letters were received, and there were schemes enough proposed to bankrupt several governments. Congressmen debated over this fund repeatedly, and hundreds of pages of the Congressional Globe were given up to it.

The institution has been worked out on such broad lines as to be one of the greatest forces in scientific research in the world.

The board of regents is composed of the vice president of the United States, the chief justice of the United States, three United States senators, three representatives and six citizens of the United States at large.

The National Museum, the weather bureau, the zoological park at Washington, the fisheries bureau and the astrophysical observatory have been developed by the institution.

The objects of the institution, as described by its first secretary, Joseph Henry, have been adhered to through the years of its existence. They are to increase knowledge by original investigations and study, either in science or literature and to diffuse knowledge not only through the United States, but everywhere, especially by promoting an interchange of thought among those prominent in learning in all nations. No restriction is made in favor of any one branch of knowledge.

The leading features of the plan of Professor Henry were, in his own words:

"To assist men of science in making original researches, to publish them in a series of volumes and to give a copy of them to every first class library in the world."

Books, laboratory accommodations and apparatus have been supplied to thousands of investigators throughout the United States.

Unprincipled Wretch. "You simply cannot trust anybody!" declared the lady. "My maid, whom I had the utmost confidence in, left me suddenly yesterday and took with her my beautiful pearl brooch."

April 2nd. Is the beginning of a Regular Interest Period at The People's Savings Bank. Deposit with this bank now and you will get your interest in three months.

Special-- For this week with every Stove sold we will install absolutely FREE, one WELSBACH JUNIOR LIGHT Complete with necessary pipe and bracket fixture. Ask us. Gas Company Ranges, \$2 Down; \$2 Per Month.

A LOVE TRAGEDY. Ruskin's Adoration of the Lovely Rose La Touche. In 1858, when Ruskin was in his fortieth year, he was asked by a friend to give some lessons in drawing to a child named Rose La Touche, whose name, indeed, was French, but whose family were Irish. There sprang up between Ruskin and this young girl a very charming friendship, which, of course, at the time could be nothing but a friendship. They wrote each other letters and exchanged drawings, and then for a while they did not meet.

EASTER GREETING. This Easter Tide Marks Our Fortieth Anniversary. 40 Years in the Piano Business. 40 years of continuous service to the public. 40 years of selling experience, resulting in our popular and successful Club Plan—a selling plan that has saved our patrons hundreds, yes thousands of dollars.

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