

THE WEATHER.

Showers and cooler Sunday. Monday generally fair, moderate southwest to northwest winds.

THE MORNING STAR

FOUNDED 1867 WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1910.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

Do you want to vote this year? Have you paid your State and county poll tax? If not, you must pay by April 24, or you will be ineligible to vote. Look after this and save your neighbor.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1910.

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BIG FIRE SWEEP LOUISIANA CITY

Twenty Blocks Burned at Lake Charles With Loss of \$3,000,000.

TWO THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS

Flames Raged Wildly, Covering Two Miles of Space, and Destroying Several Hundred Buildings—Details.

Lake Charles, La., April 23.—Fanned by a high wind, a fire which broke out here shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon swept over 20 or more blocks of the city, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss estimated at about \$3,000,000. Two thousand persons have been rendered homeless.

It was almost 8 o'clock tonight when the fire, which followed a northeasterly direction from the business section, finally reached the outskirts of the city, burning itself out.

When it became apparent that the local fire department that it could not cope with the blaze requests for aid were wired to Beaumont and Orange, Texas, and to Jennings, La., all of which are within a radius of 50 miles of Lake Charles.

The Southern Pacific Railroad offered special trains to bring the volunteers from neighboring cities.

Many houses in the path of the flames were dynamited, but showers of sparks were swept beyond the gaps thus made, igniting the buildings on the farther side.

While many of the buildings destroyed were merely frame cottages, scores of handsome structures also fell prey to the flames. The city hall, the handsome Calcasieu Parish court house, the Clair Hotel, churches, schools and residences were reduced to bare brick walls and smoldering heaps of ashes within two hours after the fire started.

Starting in the old opera house in Rival street, near Pojo, the fire spread to adjoining buildings, burning out the northern portion of the city's business section and then sweeping into the residential district.

While it was reported that several lives had been lost during the dynamiting of buildings, an investigation tonight indicates that there were no casualties.

Hundreds of cottages were burned and several thousand persons are homeless. That portion of the city which escaped the ravages of the fire, threw open its doors to the needy and in some instances as many as five and six families are being cared for in one home.

The Catholic convent was destroyed, but the sisters and their charges were given shelter in the home of Catholic families.

An investigation is being made by the authorities with the view of determining the cause of the fire.

While there was no disorder the mayor tonight deemed it advisable to enlist the aid of the local company of Louisiana State troops and the members of this organization were placed on guard in the burned district.

Early estimates of the fire, which belatedly the amount of damage at \$3,000,000 are believed tonight to be conservative and more conservative figures range from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

The northern half of the business section was destroyed. The principal building destroyed was the new Calcasieu Parish court house, erected a few years ago at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars.

Mayor Behrman, of New Orleans, offered any assistance that might be needed, but it is believed that the city will be able to handle the situation without outside assistance.

HIGHWAYMEN FIRE INTO CAR

Three Negroes Murdered Motorman on Atlanta Car, Then Shot Conductor Fatally After Robbing Him—Escaped.

IT IS NOW JUDGE D. L. WARD

Atlanta, Ga., April 23.—At the end of the Druid Hill street car line, a lonely spot in the outlying section of one of Atlanta's residential suburbs, three negro highwaymen tonight shot and instantly killed Motorman S. T. Brown and after robbing Conductor W. H. Bryson, of \$35, fatally shot him in the back and made their escape in the nearby woods.

Twenty minutes later the crime was discovered and Atlanta's entire police reserve was rushed to the scene.

There were no passengers on the car. The car had just reached the end of the line and the motorman was reversing his trolley when the attack came from the negroes who concealed themselves behind a clump of bushes.

Motorman Brown was shot down as he started to re-enter his car and with revolvers leveled at the conductor's head he was ordered to throw up his hands.

On complying the men relieved him of all the cash he had and then he was told to "hit the grit." He was shot in the back by one of the men after he had run about 50 yards and fell in his tracks.

Two shots penetrated his liver. The injured conductor was rushed to a hospital where it was stated there was no possible chance of his recovery.

The dead motorman and injured conductor were found by Motorman Tinsley and Conductor Royster, who were in charge of the car which reached the end of the line just 30 minutes later. Brown was lying face down beside his car, a bullet through his heart and along the track 15 yards distance was found Bryson.

The county blood hounds were rushed to the scene of the hold-up and immediately took a trail which led in the direction of a construction site where a number of negroes are employed on grading work. The camp was placed under a heavy guard.

Fifty police officers continued to scour the woods late tonight in the vicinity of the hold-up and several negroes were placed under arrest though without any convincing evidence as to their guilt.

THE WATKINS CASE.

State May Ask for Continuation—(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., April 23.—It was learned tonight that when court convenes Monday the State may ask for a continuation of the case against F. C. Watkins, the Black Mountain convict, charged with killing John Hill Bunker last Summer on the ground that two important witnesses cannot come here until the August term. It will be recalled that the case was continued from the February term on account of defense's witnesses and the State will argue this in asking that the case be continued.

Asheville Presbytery has accepted the tender of 600 acres of land near Franklin, Macon county, upon condition that it establishes a home and industrial school for orphan children. The land is valued at \$10,000 and the Presbytery raises money for the buildings before it gets possession of the property. \$2,000 being required to start. No difficulty is expected in raising this sum.

Local agents representing the Harrison line, Leyland Line, Elder Dempster Steamship Company and Alexander Eccles & Co., English concerns, returned today from Decatur, Ala., where Knight, Yancey & Co., had their home office. That their losses brought about by the failures have not been exaggerated was the gist of the story which these representatives had to tell when they returned. They believe the total loss will be between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. This belief was formed by the investigation which they made at Decatur.

CAROLINA LOSES TO NAVY. Score Was 1 to 0 at Annapolis Yesterday—Close Game.

Annapolis, Md., April 23.—The North Carolina University played a rather raged game of baseball today at Annapolis and lost to the Navy by 1 to 0. The game was a pitcher's battle but Hedgepeth was given poor support and the single run was made off a combination of errors in the fifth inning.

DESPERATE NEGRO FOUGHT IN PRISON

Sol Shepard, Durham Murderer, Slashed Fellow Convict in Barber Shop.

IT IS NOW JUDGE D. L. WARD

Military Commission Named—Federal Courts in Session—Charters Issued—Other Raleigh News Notes of Interest.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—Sol Shepard, a desperate negro convict serving 30 years for the murder of Engineer Holt, of the Southern Railway at Durham, made a murderous assault on Lewis Harris, a fellow convict, in the barber shop of the penitentiary this afternoon, cutting Harris' throat from ear to ear, barely missing his jugular vein.

Only the fact that the guard leaped from the top of a nearby cell and felled him with a stick prevented murder. Shepard had a grudge against Harris and threw a brick at him out in the brick yard a few days ago. He was being shaved and Shepard snatched a razor from the barber, without a word having passed.

Col. W. G. Smith, Major Lawrence Young and Major S. C. Jordan, of Asheville have been appointed by Adjutant General Armfield as a Board of Examiners to examine applicants for commissions in the Guard that of the State. Conforming with provisions of Section 4903 of the Revised Code it will be the policy in future to have such examinations whenever occasion arises. Furthermore, there will be commissions appointed later in Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Wilmington and other places most easily accessible.

Col. D. L. Ward, of Newbern, succeeds Hon. O. H. Guion as judge of the Superior Court for the Third District. This appointment was announced this morning by Gov. Kitchin after waiting a day or longer to give other candidates time to show their best possible strength in the district. He concluded that the endorsements for Col. Ward were considerably more than for either of the other candidates for the appointment and so announced his decision to commission Col. Ward as judge. H. W. Whitmore, of Greenville, was the next most endorsed candidate for the appointment. The district comprises Pitt, Craven, Green, Carteret, Jones and Pamlico counties. Col. Ward is one of the most prominent lawyers of the district, has served several terms as a member of the State Senate, and is a member of the United States Senate. He was for a number of years associated in the practice of law.

United States District Attorney H. F. Seawell, just back from Washington district court, will go Monday to Newbern where Judge Whitmore will hold court for probably the next two weeks. The principal case there is to be that against J. R. B. Carraway, bank cashier, charged with defalcations to the amount of \$116,000 with two other Newbern business men charged with being accessory thereto. The case was against Nathan D. Ford, sixteen years old, convicted of robbing the Bethel postoffice. He was sent to the Washington, D. C., reformatory for two years. The land in the case was the postoffice door lock so that he could open it at will when no one was there without being detected.

The Coco-Cola Bottling Co., Rocky Mount, received a charter today for a bottling business at Rocky Mount, capital, \$5,000 by C. D. Hutaff, principal incorporator.

Another charter is for The Donaldson Military School (Inc.), Fayetteville, capital \$30,000 by S. M. Reed, J. M. McCall and others.

A number of towns in the State, including Fayetteville, Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Asheville, are striving through various interests to secure the home office of the North Carolina Firemen's Fire Insurance Co. in process of establishment through the efforts of President J. D. McNeill, of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, and associates, all of whom are officers in the firemen's association. It will be 30 days or longer before this question is settled. In the meantime Raleigh is temporary headquarters. Members of the Firemen's Association of the State are required to hold the controlling stock in the company which has just elected Capt. J. D. McNeill, Fayetteville, president; A. H. Boyden, Salisbury, F. B. McKenney, Louisville, vice presidents; S. G. Bernard, Asheville, attorney; E. L. Clark, Greensboro, secretary; I. M. Allen, Louisville, treasurer. Others on the directorate are Jos. F. Taylor, Washington; Jas. A. Turner, Louisville; T. V. Moseley, Kingston; M. M. Miller, Concord; C. A. Moser, Hickory; R. C. Taylor, Winston-Salem.

New Orleans, April 23.—The 10-round bout between Jim Kendrick, bantam weight champion of England and Patsy Brannigan, of Pittsburg, before the New Orleans Athletic Club tonight, was declared a draw.

Boys' \$4.00 and \$4.50 blue serge knickerbocker suits this week \$3.48.

ROOSEVELT SPENT A STRENUOUS DAY

American Ex-President Honored Guest of Intellectual Paris.

LECTURED AT THE SORBONNE

Participated in Session of French Academy, Guest of Faculty for Dinner and Attended Grand Reception in His Honor.

Paris, April 23.—To use Col. Roosevelt's own words to say, marked the crowning of his career, as a man of letters. From noon until midnight he was the guest of intellectual Paris, participating as a member at a session of the French Academy, delivering a lecture at the Sorbonne and remaining as the guest of the faculty for dinner and the grand reception given by the University in his honor.

Col. Roosevelt's reception at the French institution and that at the Sorbonne were equally impressive.

After listening to the words of M. Boutroux, the president of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, who spoke eloquently of American ideals and character of which he said, Theodore Roosevelt was the best exponent. Mr. Roosevelt replied in French, his utterances arousing his venerable colleagues to unwonted applause.

At the Sorbonne, no attempt was made to restrain the demonstrations. The facade bristled with American and French flags, and fully 25,000 persons packed the streets and acclaimed Col. Roosevelt on his arrival. With in the building enthusiasm was unbounded, the vast crowd in the amphitheatre interrupting again and again with storms of applause as the speaker defined the duties of individual citizenship in a republic, scolding the sluggards, cynics and idle rich and preaching the gospel of work, character and the strenuous life.

Several times he interjected observations in French, and after he had defined his attitude on the subject of human rights and property rights, he repeated this in French, saying that it constituted the crux of what he had to say, and he desired every one to understand him. His words in this connection were:

"My position as regards the moiled interests can be put in a few words. In every civilized society, property rights must be carefully safeguarded. On the other hand, the rights of man, human rights and property rights are fundamentally and in the long run identical. But when it clearly appears that there is a real conflict between them, human rights must have the upper hand, for property belongs to man and not man to property."

He made his auditors clearly realize that he considered Republican institutions still on trial, both in America and France.

The distinguished personages occupying seats on the estrade, who included besides the deans of the various faculties of the University, Premier Briand and his entire cabinet, and other notables, were evidently quite as much impressed as the students and other auditors joining heartily in the applause, especially Mrs. Roosevelt, who had just returned from a recent visit to the United States and the necessity of a nation to perpetuate itself, as one of its principal duties.

Following the lecture Vice Rector Liard, in behalf of the University, presented Mr. Roosevelt with a bust of Jefferson and it was made a severe French eulogistic mistake had been made in the bust. A bust of Lincoln had been ordered from the government factory at Sevres, but in some unaccountable way one of Jefferson was manufactured.

Every Half Hour. Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

OUTLINES.

Twenty blocks, including a portion of the business section, of Lake Charles, La., was swept by fire yesterday, entailing a loss estimated at \$3,000,000. Two thousand people were rendered homeless—President Roosevelt spent a strenuous day in Paris yesterday, delivering a lecture at the Sorbonne, attending the session of the French Academy and a grand reception in his honor.—The officers named by the Daughters of the American Revolution were confirmed yesterday. The Congress concluded with an animated discussion on "States Rights"—Three negro highwaymen murdered a motorman and a conductor on a car last night and then robbed the conductor.—The funeral of Mark Twain was held in New York yesterday, conducted by Rev. Henry VanDyke, of Princeton University.—New York markets: Money on call nominal; spot cotton closed quiet; middling upland, 5.15; middling Gulf 15.40; flour bull with prices steady; wheat firm No. 2 red, 1.15 3/4; No. 1 northern 1.18 1/2; opening navigation; corn spot steady, steamer 63 1/2; No. 4, 60, both nominal; elevator export basis; oats spot quiet, mixed nominal; rosin and turpentine steady.

FUNERAL HONORS PAID TO M. TWIN

Body Began Yesterday Last Journey to Spot Where it Will Rest.

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE IS PAID

Members of Household Speak Tenderly and True of His Last Days. Simple but Beautiful Ceremony in New York.

New York, April 23.—The body of Mark Twain began today its last journey from the sunny chamber where it had lain in Stormfield to the spot in God's Acre where it shall rest at last beside those whom he "loved long since and lost a while."

Funeral services were held in the old brick Presbyterian church at Fifth avenue and 37th street, this morning, by Dr. Henry A. VanDyke, of Princeton University, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At 2:20 tomorrow morning the body will go to Elmira.

In accordance with the wishes of the family, the services today were brief and simple. The only music was an organ prelude "The Death of Age," by Grieg. There was a most beautiful display of flowers about the coffin. Those who wished were permitted to view the features. The church was well filled by the general public. Dr. VanDyke said in part:

"The touch of grief is upon us. We think of Mark Twain, not as the celebrity, but the man whom we knew and loved. Those who knew his work as a whole, knew that under the lambent and irrepressible humor which was his gift, there was a foundation of serious thought and noble affections and desires. The mark of his higher humor is that it does not laugh at the world, but helps the true, the laudable, only at the false, the pretensions, the vain, the hypocritical."

Mark Twain laughed many of the world's false claimants out of court and entangled many of the world's false witnesses in the net of ridicule. He looked at the absurdities of life with not unkindly mockery and made us feel somehow the infinite pathos of life's realities. No one can say that he ever failed to reverence the purity, the frank joyful, genuine, nature of little children, of whom Christ has said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Those in the funeral party were Albert Bigelow Paine, the cherished friend and biographer, with Jervis Langdon, the favorite nephew, and his only living daughter, Clara, and her husband, Capt. Gabriellawitch; Claude the faithful butler, and old Katie Leary, the housekeeper. There was no procession of mourning neighbors, no demonstration along the way. The shining rosewood coffin stood upon a baggage truck in the glaring sunlight. On the cover was a silver plate inscribed "Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Mark Twain, 1910."

Above the plate lay a wreath of mountain laurel, emblem of immortality, picked from the Tamarack hills by Dan Beard, his old friend and neighbor. On the faithful butler, sat in a corner and wept silently.

"I made him comfortable," said she, "just before he sank to rest. The nurses couldn't please him, but two employees are missing and it is feared they were trapped in the cellar and burned to death."

The fire spread from cellar to roof with great rapidity and pedestrians who were early on the scene assisted scores of guests in escaping by windows.

The fire loss is estimated at about \$35,000.

SOUTHERN TELEGRAPHERS

Difficulties Still Unsettled—Will Appoint Another Arbitrator. Washington, April 23.—J. S. D. Thompson and J. J. Dermody, the arbitrators, respectively, for the Southern Railway and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, today notified Chairman Knapp and Dr. Nell, mediators under the Erdman Act, that they were unable to agree upon the third arbitrator of the controversy. It is likely that the arbitrators at the expiration next Tuesday of the necessary five days of arbitration will designate the third member of the arbitration board.

THE D. A. R. CONGRESS ENDS

Animated Discussion Over "States Rights" Marked the Final Session. Officers Were Announced and Affirmed.

TIGER CRUSADE BEGUN IN EARNEST

Backed By Citizens, Mayor is Proceeding Under General Statute.

Washington, April 23.—With an animated discussion of "States Rights" as its finale, the sessions of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution passed into history today. As the curtain was rung down on the closing session, the delegates refused, as they did on Thursday, and at various preceding conventions to amend their constitution; as to authorize the election of State regents and State vice regents to be held in their respective States or territories.

The Congress confirmed the election of regents and vice regents by the State delegations for the ensuing year. Among the State regents and vice regents elected were:

Arkansas—Mrs. Aurora P. McClellan (regent), Mrs. Mabel Hutton Goode, (vice regent). Arkansas—Mrs. Katherine Graddock Barrow, Mrs. Julia, McAlmont Noel, Florida—Mrs. Lida M. L. Mahoney, Mrs. Carrie Packard Schuller, Georgia—Mrs. Augusta Strong Graham, Mrs. Corrier Hoyt Brown, Kentucky—Mrs. Annie K. Johnson, Mrs. Jean D. Warren, Louisiana—Miss Virginia Fairfax, Mrs. Nellie Long Foster, Mississippi—Mrs. Harry Robinson Williamson, Mrs. Netta Scott Fox, North Carolina—Mrs. Mary Oates Stratt van Landingham, Mrs. Kate Ebling Reynolds, Oklahoma—Mrs. Daisy Beatty Petree, Mrs. Alice Hibbard Benedict, South Carolina—Mrs. F. Louise Mayer, Mrs. Lurline Mellichamp Ligon, Tennessee—Mrs. Mary Robertson Day, Mrs. Lucy H. Horton, Texas—Mrs. Hon. Hughway Lane, Mrs. Betton T. Stevens, Virginia—Mrs. Alice Peyton Jamison, Mrs. Jennie McCrene Marshall, West Virginia—Mrs. H. A. Harrietta F. Godwise Edmondson, Mrs. Mary W. DeBoit.

The recording secretary general was Washington to write a letter to the House Committee on Military Affairs, requesting an early and favorable report on the bill providing for the construction of a road from Yorktown to Jamestown by way of Williamsburg, Va. In order that those two historic places might be connected by a road.

A committee was appointed to wait upon the House Committee on Appropriations to advocate the favorable report of a bill making an appropriation for the construction of a road from Washington to Mount Vernon as a memorial to George Washington.

The Catherine Livingston chapter of Jacksonville, Fla., presented a chair to the society to be known as the "honorary president general's chair."

Mrs. Donald McClean, an honorary president general, was requested to sit in it as its first occupant.

FIRE IN CINCINNATI

Two Lives Lost in Hotel Conflagration. Cincinnati, April 23.—Two bodies have been recovered and it is believed that at least four more are in the ruins of the Hotel Thoma, which was destroyed by fire tonight. Two more men were recovered in the cellar fully dressed and it is believed had been suffocated. They have not been identified.

The firemen are working to extricate what is believed to be the bodies of women guests of the hotel and the bodies of two missing employees are supposed to be in the cellar, not yet exposed.

Flames started in the cellar and shot up through the elevator shaft of the Hotel Thoma a six story building, destroyed that building shortly before midnight tonight. The guests who were early on the scene assisted scores of guests in escaping by windows.

The fire loss is estimated at about \$35,000.

TIGER CRUSADE BEGUN IN EARNEST

Backed By Citizens, Mayor is Proceeding Under General Statute.

SUBPOENAS BEING ISSUED

Rigid Inquiry Being Made Into Large Consignments of Liquor Received in Wilmington—Conditions Being Exposed.

By far the most promising and most formidable movement toward the suppression of the blind tiger traffic in Wilmington, a movement that will receive the hearty endorsement of every citizen in favor of the enforcement of the law, regardless of his view of the prohibition question, was inaugurated yesterday by Mayor MacRae, backed by a number of citizens pledged to a remedy of conditions in the city, which have been anything but savory for several months.

The movement takes the form of an inquiry into large consignments of liquor alleged to have been received by various and sundry persons in Wilmington, altogether in too large quantities for "family use," and the proceedings or inquiry is under authority of Section 3721 of the Code Revised of 1905, granting to justices of the peace, magistrates, intendents, mayors and other officers clothed with judicial power, authority to summons persons to testify to any knowledge that they may have of the existence of any place or places where intoxicating liquors are sold or gambled in violation of the law.

The investigation is into the alleged widespread sale of liquor in Wilmington and the information gained will be put to such uses as may be deemed mete and proper in the suppression of the "illegal" traffic in Wilmington. The investigation began yesterday morning before the Mayor and, representing the citizens' movement, appeared J. O. Carr, Esq., attorney, who has been retained to prosecute the investigation to a conclusion. Evidence was presented from a number of anonymous draymen that large quantities of liquor have been consigned in large quantities and delivered, it is alleged, to others, while many of the shipments are alleged to have been addressed to the consignee in person and delivered by these draymen. Evidence was also presented that large numbers of empty bottles that have been returned to the consignors by the several transportation companies a number of witnesses were examined yesterday during the morning and afternoon until a continuance was granted to be held on Monday. Freight agents of both the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line railway companies, who are required under the law to answer any and all questions that may be asked them touching the alleged illegal sale of liquor in Wilmington, are being subpoenaed to appear in court to assist the court of inquiry in arriving at the identity of any place or places where other than near beer is sold. The statute under which the investigation is proceeding is as follows:

"§3721. Gambling; justices and other officers to summon witnesses. All justices of the peace, intendents and magistrates of police, mayors of towns and judges of the Supreme or Superior court, who shall have good reason to believe that any person within their jurisdiction has knowledge of the existence and establishment of any faro bank or faro table, or gaming tables prohibited by this chapter or place where intoxicating liquors are sold contrary to law, in any town or county within their several jurisdictions, and such person not being minded to make voluntary information thereof on oath, then it shall be lawful for such justice of the peace, intentant and magistrate of police, mayor of town, or judge of Supreme or Superior court, to issue to the sheriff of the county, or any constable of the town or township, in which said faro bank or faro table, or gaming table or tables, or place where intoxicating liquors are sold contrary to law, are supposed to be, a subpoena, capias ad testificandum, or summons in writing, commanding such person to appear immediately before said justice of the peace, intentant or magistrate of police, mayor or judge, and give evidence on oath as to what he may know touching the existence, establishment and whereabouts of said gaming table or tables, faro bank or faro table, or places where intoxicating liquors are sold contrary to law, and the names and personal description of the keepers thereof; and such evidence when obtained, shall be held and considered in law as an information on oath, and said justice, intentant, magistrate, mayor or judge, may thereupon proceed to seize and arrest said keepers and destroy said tables, or issue process therefor, in like manner as they do by authority of the preceding section."

The statute has been upheld more than once not only by the State Supreme Court but by the Federal Court and follows the lines of the New York statute under which Mayor Gaynor is now proceeding so effectively against organized vice in New York City. It is intended to give to mayors and other officers named authority to make such investigations where the grand

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NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 24

Following a lengthy hearing before the United States Commissioner at New Orleans, Captain John J. Hyland, master of the steamer Venus, who was charged with violating the neutrality laws, was tonight held for a further hearing, his bond being fixed at \$5,000.

TO THE BEACH.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.