

GLORIOUS SEASON BEGINS

Christmas Eve an Unpropitious Day for Shopping, but a Large Number Were on Streets and Many Sales Were Made.

Had he tried his utmost the weather man could hardly have been more inconsiderate of the people of Wilmington and this section than he was yesterday when he gave one of the most disagreeable days of the season as the last one in which the people might do their shopping before the dawn of the glorious Christmas Day—this morning.

However, and despite the efforts of the weather man to the contrary, there were hundreds of shoppers on the streets throughout the day and until a late hour last night and the merchants report that their day's sales while perhaps somewhat under what they had estimated, were exceedingly good and they did not see fit to register a very strenuous kick.

Throughout the day and evening there was a drizzly rain making it not only disagreeable under foot but necessary to carry an umbrella to protect one from drenching, if he had to be out for any considerable length of time. Fortunately, it was not very cold, otherwise Christmas shopping would have been almost out of the question. As it invariably happens, many people found at the last minute that a present for some relative or friend had not been bought and a search for a suitable article was begun with a vengeance.

Following a beautiful custom, that has ever prevailed in this section, particularly in nearly every office and place of business yesterday there was a token of appreciation of the friendship of one for the other. Perhaps a greater number of gifts than usual were exchanged among employees of different offices and establishments in this city.

The supply of Christmas greens, including trees, wreaths and other decorative material, has been greater than ever before and the prices have remained at a nominal rate. Very few, if any, homes are without the Christmas decorations this season and practically all the business houses are elaborately decorated.

The past week has been one of unusual activity in all lines, even for the week preceding Christmas. One of the busiest places in the city has been the postoffice and it is stated that never before have so many Christmas packages been sent away from Wilmington and so many received in return from other places. This is an indication of the prosperity that prevails throughout the country.

The regular force of clerks and carriers were so overtaxed that it was necessary to employ extra men, three carriers being engaged and every atche and official of the post office were at work in the office. Even the postmaster has been making more than the usual number of working hours. Under the law, the carriers may work only eight hours a day, but the clerks' day has no limit and they are not paid over time. While additional carriers are provided, no extra clerks are employed in the Wilmington office which makes it necessary for every man in the office to work over time and work hard. Perhaps nobody in Wilmington will be gladder to see the season end than the employees of the postoffice.

The Southern Express Co. people have also been hard worked and from indications the number of packages handled by them exceeded that of last year, both incoming and outgoing.

Throughout yesterday could be heard the noise of the fire cracker and the blast of the irrepressible tin horn which gave unmistakable evidence of the fact that Christmas Eve had arrived and the time of beginning of the holiday festivities was at hand. Last night one walking down the streets could hardly hear himself talk, so great was the noise made by the holiday celebrators. The crowds were orderly and the true Christmas spirit prevailed.

As Christmas Day this year falls on Sunday, tomorrow will be observed as a holiday. All the banks and county and city offices and many of the mercantile establishments will be closed. Business will be practically at a standstill and the thoughts of the people will be on anything but business for the most part.

Meeting at Bijou Theatre—Yoke Fellows' Appointments Today. The meeting for men at the Bijou theatre this afternoon at 5 o'clock under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will very likely be largely attended. Rev. Wm. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, will make the final talk of his series of four addresses.

Remember that when your kidneys are affected, your life is in danger. M. Mayer, Rochester, N. Y., says: "My trouble started with a sharp shooting pain over my back which grew worse daily. I felt sluggish and tired, and infrequent. I started using Foley Kidney Pills. Each dose seemed to put new life and strength into me, and now I am completely cured and feel better and stronger than for years." Robt. R. Bellamy.

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Our annex (Toys and Fireworks) will be open Monday morning.

TILESTON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER

High School Magazine for the First Quarter of Fall Term 1910 Out. Tileston Topics, which is published quarterly during the school year by the students of the Wilmington High School, was issued from the presses yesterday morning, and undoubtedly surpasses any issue of the publication yet gotten out by students of the High School. The edition reflects great credit upon the business managers and editors of the publication. This is the first issue of the magazine issued during the Fall term and will be read with unusual interest by all connected with the High School, as well as by many others of the city. Mr. Hiram King is editor-in-chief, and Mr. Willard Cantwell is assistant editor-in-chief. The following are the associate editors: Miss Alice Sawyer, exchange editor; Mr. Alvon Blue, athletics; Miss Jeanette Buck, current events; John Wells, locals; Miss Edna Lanier, jokes. Alumni, Miss Laura Wells and A. O. Mitchell; Freshman No. I, Miss Louise Worth; Freshman No. II, McCullum Plowden; Freshman No. III, Genevieve Dushan; Freshman No. IV, Mr. Lewis J. Stein is business manager and Mr. Leon Silverman, assistant business manager, and in the selection of these the students are exceedingly fortunate, as reflected by the large number of advertisements carried by the publication. Mr. Stein is one of the greatest hustlers in the school, being manager of the football team the past season, and at the head of a number of other committees looking to the advancement of the High School. He is a hustler in every sense of the word.

The following is a list of the contents of the magazine: "This World of Ours" (verse), J. M. Wells; "The Crossed Wires," Genevieve Dushan; "The Half-Back," John Wells; Editorials, Freshman No. 1, Miss Louise Worth; Freshman No. 2, McCullum Plowden; Freshman No. 3, Miss Genevieve Dushan; Jokes, Miss Edna Lanier; Locals, John Wells; Current Events, Miss Jeanette Buck; Athletics; Avon Blue; Exchanges, Miss Alice Sawyer; Alumni Notes, Miss Laura Wells. Limericks.

The large number of subscribers to the magazine may receive a copy of the same by calling at the High School building Wednesday morning, when they will be distributed.

MR. ROBERT S. FRENCH.

Becomes Business Manager of National Commission Merchants. Wilmington people will be interested in the announcement in Friday's Atlanta Constitution that Mr. Robert S. French, formerly of this city, but for the past several years district agent for the Armour Car Lines, with headquarters in Atlanta, has been appointed business manager of the National League of Commission Merchants, which is one of the largest, oldest, and strongest organizations in the country. His new duties will bring into service his splendid knowledge of traffic conditions acquired while associated with the Armour Car Lines, and his long acquaintance with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. Mr. French is a native of Wilmington, a son of the late W. R. French, and is held in the highest esteem by all. The Atlanta paper prints a half-tone cut of Mr. French in connection with the announcement of his appointment.

EUGENE HARRIS SLASHED.

Received Severe Gash on the Left Side of Throat Last Night. Eugene Harris, a young white man, who has figured quite frequently in the Police Court, was slashed on the left side of his throat last night about 7:30 o'clock with a pocket knife, by F. G. Pigford, a young white man, the trouble between the two occurring on Market, between Water and Front streets. Pigford was arrested by Patrolman M. C. Gray and taken to police headquarters, where he was given berth for the night. Harris was also taken to police headquarters and the hospital ambulance called, arriving about 8 o'clock. Harris was taken to the institution, where his wound was dressed. His wound is painful but not considered serious. The cause of the trouble had not been learned by the police.

TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS.

Dr. John M. Faison Remembers Star Family With the National Bird. When the morning express arrived yesterday from up in the confines of the Star family, Christmas for all the Star family. Nothing could have been appreciated more and the household of the paper from press room to the editorial sanctum desire in this way to publicly thank Dr. Faison for his thoughtfulness and consideration at this glad season of the year.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Christmas Exercises Will be Observed This Morning—Music. There will be a Christmas service at the Brooklyn Baptist church this morning, consisting of special music by the orchestra, and an appropriate address by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of the church, on "The Unappreciated Christmas Gift." At the close of the service there will be an offering for aged ministers. At the meeting tonight the pastor will preach on "The Infant Jesus Crowded Out," a penitential appropriate subject, which will, no doubt, be dealt with in a most enlightening manner. All are invited to attend the services.

For Fireworks see Polvogt's assortment in their Toy Department. Store open until noon.

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK. Wishes its Friends and Customers a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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THE GRAND THEATRE OPENING

Wilmington's Handsome New Theatre Thrown Open to Public and Enthusiastically Received—Best Entertainment.

Wilmington's magnificent new popular theatre, "The Grand," recently fitted up at large expense by Mr. J. M. Solky, in the Solky building, on North Front street, was thrown open to the public with a high-class bill last evening and even though there was enough to divide interest with most any amusement enterprise, the theatre was packed literally from "pit to dome," the beautiful new playhouse being most enthusiastically received by the Wilmington public.

The doors were thrown open at 7:30 o'clock and there was a rush at once for seats. A large amount of money has been spent in making this the premier theatre of its class in North Carolina and for beauty and grandeur, it can have few equals in the entire country. With handsome tiled vestibule, the most gorgeous fittings and appointments throughout, Mr. Solky has spared no expense to meet the demands of Wilmington for a high-class popular theatre. The policy of the house will be the best to be had in motion pictures, illustrated songs and music by an orchestra engaged especially for this house. Something entirely new in moving pictures will be presented each act, with all the effects by the orchestra and special equipment constructed for this purpose. The large audiences were delighted last evening by the sweet singing of Mr. Frank Banks, until the arrival of the regular soloist, who will have a permanent place on the programme. Mr. Eugene LeBarre will appear as cornet virtuoso and the orchestra played for the opening selections from Madame Sherry and The Chocolate Soldier. Mr. John F. Kneisel will have charge of the music and will give his entire time and attention to this part of the programme. Mr. LeBarre is a cornetist of exceptional ability and his rendition of the celebrated "Russian Fantasy" and "Every Little Motion Picture" will be well worth the price of admission.

The doors will open nightly at 7:30 p. m. with a continuous performance until 11:30 p. m. Architecturally and in finishings, the Grand is one of the prettiest places imaginable in Wilmington, and the public to come and see for themselves just what a pretty place he has. The general contracting work has been done by Messrs. R. H. Brady and Daniels; the electrical work by Mr. G. T. Williamson; the plumbing by Mr. Denton; the heating and ventilation by the Tidewater Power Co., and the handsome tiling by Mr. J. Carewe.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Palpits Today. St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner of Fourth and Grand streets, W. Seabreeze, rector. Christmas services: Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion, 10 a. m. St. Thomas' Catholic church: First mass 7 a. m. Last mass and sermon 10:30 a. m. Vespers 7 p. m. St. Matthews' English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. H. E. Bentley, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. School at 10 a. m. A Christmas service will be rendered by the Sunday School at 8 p. m. Wesleyan Methodist church, Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. It being the custom of the first quarterly meeting for this church. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Special Christmas mass Sunday morning, 8 a. m. W. H. Schaefer, superintendent. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Christmas merriment invited to all the services of the church. St. John's Church of the Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector. Holy communion, 8 a. m. Service, sermon and Holy communion, 11 a. m. Christmas merriment, Children's Christmas service, 4 p. m. No night service. All are cordially invited. Fifth Street Methodist church, Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. It being the custom of the first quarterly meeting for this church. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Special Christmas mass Sunday morning, 8 a. m. W. H. Schaefer, superintendent. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Christmas merriment invited to all the services of the church.

MR. BANCK GOES TO CUBA.

Wilmington Man Working for Government in Engineer's Department. Mr. W. H. Banck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Banck, of this city, a graduate of A. & M. College in civil engineering, who has been working for the government at Montgomery, Ala., in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., for a year or more, is spending the holidays at home with his parents and yesterday received his transfer to Havana, Cuba, where he will be employed in connection with the work of raising the battleship Maine. The supervision of army engineers is one of the biggest tasks of its kind ever attempted and if successful will require several months' work. Mr. Banck has "made good" in the government service and his promotion has been rapid. He has many friends in the city who will learn of his success with much pleasure and interest.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FARES VIA NORFOLK SOUTHERN R. R.

On account of the Christmas holidays, the Norfolk Southern Railroad will sell very low round-trip tickets to all points. These tickets to be sold December 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 28, 1910, and January 1st, 1911, with final return limit to reach original starting point not later than midnight, January 8th, 1911. For complete information call on nearest ticket agent or address, W. W. CROXTON, General Passenger Agent, Va. de 23-17 Norfolk, Va.

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THREE XMAS SERVICES.

Delightful Programme Arranged for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

There will be three Christmas services today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the first being a German service at 10 A. M., the second an English service at 11:15 A. M., and the third a children's song service at 6 P. M. At each of the morning services there will be a special Christmas cantata and at the children's vespers cantata "Bethlehem," by Schrank, will be rendered. Owing to the large congregations which annually attend the children's service, this service will be held in the church building and not in the Memorial Building. A large Christmas tree, procured in the North, has been placed in the church and beautifully decorated. The electric lighters, instead of candles, shows excellent advantage. At the morning services there will be sermons by the pastor and the offerings will be for the poor of the city. Those who have not given to the work of the Associated Charities will find an opportunity of doing so in the plate collections for morning. The offering at the children's service will be for the Sunday School. The church has been beautifully decorated for the services of the day.

NIGHT WATCH SERVICES.

Will be Held at Boys' Brigade Armory Next Saturday Night.

In conformity to an annual custom at the Boys' Brigade Armory a "Watch Night" service will be held next Thursday night. The scope of the plans will be more extensive this year and will include in addition to the "watch night" service basketball games of the gymnasium by the teams competing in the Honnet trophy, followed by a delightful social event in the auditorium. The basketball games will begin at 8:15 and will consume just one hour. At the close of this feature the spectators will repair to the auditorium, beginning at 9:30, a splendid musical programme will be rendered, after which refreshments will be served. At 11 o'clock the "watch night" service will begin and will terminate at 12:05 o'clock Sunday morning, January 1st, 1911. At this service 10-minute addresses pertaining to the occasion will be delivered by three of the pastors of the city churches. There will also be a song service in which all may participate. The public, both ladies and gentlemen, are invited to spend the evening as the guests of the Boys' Brigade, who assure a most delightful evening.

BUSY TIMES ON THE WHARF.

Required Two Big Shifting Engines on the "Dummy" Line.

On account of the Christmas rush, which was much larger this year than usual on the wharf, the old "dummy" engine had to be temporarily discarded and the Coast Line has had two big shifting engines moving the freight and keeping the water front track clear for the past week. Train loads of Christmas goods consigned to merchants on the wharf have been handled with dispatch and the splendid service has been commended by wholesalers and others, who were anxious to have the cars placed early in order that they might supply the trade. The rush in Christmas goods continued yesterday and even though out yesterday the two big shifters were kept busy.

NEWS OF THE SHIPPING.

Three Clearances and Two Arrivals Yesterday—Cotton Steamer.

The British steamer Greta, Capt. MacMillan, cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 11,323 bales of cotton, valued at \$900,000. The cargo and vessel are by Alexander Sprunt & Son. The German steamer Eriphia, Capt. Bellman, after discharging cargo of fertilizer material cleared light yesterday for Antwerp. The schooner F. & T. Lupton, Capt. Longstreet, cleared yesterday for New York with cargo of 19,000 cross ties from the Windley Cross Tie Company. The vessel will sail today. The schooner Annie M. Hudson, Capt. Morton, arrived yesterday from Baltimore with cargo of acid phosphate to be discharged to the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Co.

DREDGE LOST HER RUDDER.

The Gen. Comstock Disabled While Dredging at Snow's Marsh. The British steamer Greta, Capt. MacMillan, cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 11,323 bales of cotton, valued at \$900,000. The cargo and vessel are by Alexander Sprunt & Son. The German steamer Eriphia, Capt. Bellman, after discharging cargo of fertilizer material cleared light yesterday for Antwerp. The schooner F. & T. Lupton, Capt. Longstreet, cleared yesterday for New York with cargo of 19,000 cross ties from the Windley Cross Tie Company. The vessel will sail today. The schooner Annie M. Hudson, Capt. Morton, arrived yesterday from Baltimore with cargo of acid phosphate to be discharged to the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Co.

Godwin Case Has Been Settled.

The raising of the battleship Maine in the United States Gen. Comstock, while administrator, against the Atlantic Coast Line, has been compromised for \$2,300. M. L. Godwin, brother of the administrator, was killed about six months ago at one of the street crossings of the defendant railroad and the plaintiff sued for large damages. The case was first docketed in the Superior Court, but later taken to Federal Court. Ricard & Empe appeared for the plaintiffs.

Overfatness Condemned.

Fat, or overfatness, women readers who want to be in the mode this year must understand that the demand for lines, curves, and govern themselves accordingly. That means OFF with the fat. It has become duty. Many are trying exercise or dieting; but it is certain they will find these methods too slow and unreliable. The safe and sure way to get in form for the Directoire mode is by means of Marmola Prescription Tablets. Any druggist or the Marmola Co., 400 Farmer Bldg., Detroit, Mich.) will give you a large sized case of these elegant little fat reducers, containing good generous supply, for seventy-five cents, and even this quantity should be enough to make a decided impression on your excess fat. Many have lost as much as a pound a day. These Marmola Prescription Tablets may be used with impunity and likewise perfect confidence, for being made strictly in accordance with the famous Marmola process, they are quite harmless. They are rather beneficial than otherwise, in fact, never disturbing the stomach or causing a wrinkling of the flesh.

PIG IRON SHIPMENTS.

From Birmingham, Ala., Via Wilmington to Chili, S. A.

In line with its well established policy the Seaboard Air Line is ever reaching out after new business, with special regard for Wilmington and the facilities offered by the company at this point, and has recently received from mines at Birmingham, Ala., a large shipment of pig iron for Chili, a far distant country in South America, and the shipment has been loaded on the steamer Foxton Hall for its final destination. The shipment of pig iron will be delivered to two different firms in Callao. On the journey to Chili the steamer will have to pass through the Straits of Magellan. The consignment consisted of between five and six hundred tons. It is believed that this shipment will be followed by many others from Alabama. This will not only be of great benefit to Wilmington, but will, of course, bring considerable revenue to the railroad handling the products.

THE CITY WATER SUPPLY.

Analysis for the Past Month Shows No Pollution—The Report.

Mr. R. C. Cantwell, superintendent of the waterworks, yesterday morning received from the State Chemist the report of the analysis of the Wilmington water supply for the month of December, which makes a better showing than any analysis for some months. The reports is as follows: Sediment, 0; color, platinum cobalt standard, 0; turbidity, silica standard, 0; odor, cold, 0; hot, 0; alkalinity (in terms of Calcium carbonate), 7.5; chlorine, 7; nitrogen as nitrates, 0.03; nitrogen as nitrites, 0; free ammonia, .020; aluminum ammonia, .148; temporary hardness, 7.5; color (baillie) in 1 c.c., 0; color (baillie) in 10 c.c., 0; total number of bacteria per c.c., 130; no pollution.

GRANITE & MARBLE WORKS.

Mr. Frank Meier Engages in Business at No. 310 North Front.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Frank Meier, proprietor of the Marble and Granite Works at 310 North Front street, this city. The firm are designers and builders of granite and marble mausoleums, monuments and head stones and will appreciate the patronage of the public. Mr. Meier has been in the business for 35 years and is an expert in his line. He will succeed in the line of which he is the complete master.

Christmas Eve Wedding.

Mr. George F. Dukes and Miss Maggie Kerr, both of this city, were happily married last evening at 7:30 o'clock by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. It was a quiet affair, the only witnesses being Mrs. Ed Keathley and Mrs. J. L. Baysinger, friends of the couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kerr, No. 715 North Sixth street, and the couple will make their home with her parents.

A Simple Safeguard for Mothers.

Mrs. D. Gilkeson, 326 Ingles Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, gained wisdom by experience. "My little girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. My sister recommended Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose gave her relief, the inflammation in her throat and after using only one bottle her throat and lungs were entirely free from inflammation. Since then I always keep a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar in the house. Accept no substitutes. Robt. R. Bellamy.

A Merry Christmas To All THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK That Big White Building Cor. Front & Princess Sts.

A Merry Xmas!! While wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we also express our gratitude to you for the share you have contributed to our success during the past year, and we hope that we may be allowed to serve you faithfully for many years to come. THE Wilmington Savings & Trust Co. 110 N. Front Street.

ANOTHER BIG REALTY DEAL. NO COURT YESTERDAY. Capt. Harper Sells Wharf Property to Capt. A. D. Stokes. Tomorrow Will be Observed as Holiday Unless Court is Necessary. There was no session of the Recorder's court yesterday for the reason that there were no cases on the docket for trial. The police did not make a single arrest for the 24 hours ending at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. They got busy in the afternoon and evening, however, and a number of prisoners spent the night at the City Hall. There will be no session of the Recorder's court tomorrow unless there are some cases which should be disposed of before Tuesday, in such event the Recorder will try the defendants tomorrow. Just Received. Dainty, Dandy, Dancing Slippers. Velvet, Satins and Swedes. Hewlett & Price. Polvogt's Toy and Fireworks Store will remain open until noon tomorrow.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY The Store That's Always Busy We Wish Everyone A MERRY CHRISTMAS and extend our thanks for the liberal patronage given us during the season in both our stores. SPECIAL NOTICE: Our Toy and Fireworks department in the annex will be open until noon on Monday, December 26th. Our main store will be closed all day Monday. THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY Opposite Postoffice.