

YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR WILMINGTON

(Continued from Page Six) for the public use, as a park and recreation ground.

That an appeal be made to all citizens and property owners to cooperate with the City Council, Civic Improvement League, Sorosis, and all other civic organizations in their effort to carry on simultaneously with the street building now in progress, a systematic plan for the beautifying, improving and keeping clean of yards, both front and back, grass plots, plazas, and all open spaces and premises, both public and private.

Agricultural Committee. The report of the Agricultural and Immigration Committee, Mr. Hugh MacRae, chairman, was read by Secretary Branch. It was stated in the report that "There has not apparently been an occasion which required the united efforts of the members of this committee, but individual members have taken an interest in the work and have followed up special features which have proven or may prove advantageous to the community."

The report then set forth these special features. The closing paragraphs of the report follow: "I would like to urge upon the Chamber the prime importance to the future of the City of Wilmington, of encouraging in every way possible the full development of the agricultural possibilities of the surrounding country. The opportunity is great, indeed, and such development will add in the most profitable way to the growth and commercial importance of the City of Wilmington."

"I believe the time has arrived when Wilmington ought to begin to center all of these interests and bring them to this city by means of an agricultural fair association. Such an association would strengthen the ties between the farmers and the country merchants and the business houses of Wilmington, and greatly add to the retail and wholesale trade of the city."

The various reports of the committees were referred to the executive, with suggestions to use any recommendation that may be deemed advisable.

Secretary's Report. Mr. Howard Branch, secretary, submitted his annual report for the year ending March 31st, 1912. Receipts of the Chamber amounted to \$4,463.17 and disbursements to \$4,383.22. The report showed that during the year the Chamber was able to liquidate an outstanding indebtedness to the amount of \$1,000. The receipts for 1912 over 1911 amounted to approximately \$1,000. This was made possible on account of the increase in membership, the gain in members for the year amounting to 80 per cent. There is a membership now of 235 as against 140 for the year ending March 31st, 1911. Mr. Branch points out a substantial gain in the resources of the Wilmington banks over the previous year. The total resources of all banks on December 31st, 1911, was \$14,114,606, against \$12,797,895 at the close of business December, 1910.

"Clearing house statistics," the report says, "for the same period, is \$38,531,500, as compared with \$34,680,879 for 1910, showing a net gain of \$3,850,620."

Mr. Branch referred to the general activity in building operations during the past year, and stated that just a few of the modern structures recently completed, or under construction at present or contemplated for the immediate future amount to \$2,160,000. He also noted the extensive improvements being made by the Tidewater Power Co. on its suburban line, and of the buildings on Wrightsville Beach as well as the rapid suburban development during the past year.

The exports of cotton from the port of Wilmington for the first six months of the present fiscal year, September 1st to April 1st, exceeds that of the previous year by over 100,000 bales. The imports for 1911 were valued at \$3,802,811, as compared with \$2,502,782, showing an increase of about a million dollars. The imports consist almost entirely of fertilizer materials, the only others being burlaps and molasses, the report concludes.

The only other report of the meeting was that of the financial committee of which Mr. Louis E. Hall is secretary, was merely an amplification of Mr. Branch's report on finances of the chamber.

Upon motion of Dr. Russell Bellamy the matter of printing the report of the secretary in abstract form with the addition of a record of weather conditions here for the past 35 years, for general distribution, was referred to the executive committee.

Following a report of Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, a member of the committee of four who represented the local chamber at the meeting in Washington recently, at which a National Chamber of Commerce was formed, the chamber voted to become a member of the new association.

Endorses Clapp Bill. Offered by Mr. J. A. Taylor, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That this Chamber gives its unqualified endorsement to the Clapp bill, or some similar measure, now pending in the Senate, having for its object the making of railroads responsible for their bills of lading."

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Senators and Representatives from this State, with request that they lend their best efforts to the enactment of such a law as speedily as possible."

er, above Hilton bridge. As in the judgment of this body the improvements will be a great factory in making Wilmington a fertilizer and lumber center such as her geographical position demands.

"And whereas, with deeper water to these plants, cargoes will be brought to our port which will give our lumber and other interests an opportunity to secure vessels for outgoing cargoes with their products a more favorable rate than they are now able to secure and these cargoes will be an incentive to bring a great many more vessels to this port, benefiting not only the interest of the petitioners, but the entire shipping interest of the port of Wilmington."

"We therefore petition the Honorable Board to grant the request and order a survey, believing that with all the facts before them a favorable recommendation for the improvement will be made."

The adoption of the resolution wound up the business of the year and President Corbett called Mr. H. C. McQueen to the chair. The report of the nominating committee was then made by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., who announced the election of officers as stated. Mr. McQueen then declared the officers were elected and President Corbett again resumed the chair. He thanked the Chamber for the confidence reposed in him and emphasized the importance of the resolution.

Growing out of a suggestion of Dr. Russell Bellamy that the Chamber should take some action with reference to requiring all wires on Front street to be placed underground, a resolution to the effect that the local telephone service is bad, that Wilmington needs and demands better service from the telephone company. The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the local manager with request that he see it to the division manager at Charlotte. Mr. Taylor said that the service is manifestly bad and that it has been worse for the past year than at any time since the exchange was opened here. He said that some months ago the division manager, Mr. Speir, was here from Charlotte and admitted that the service is bad, promised immediate improvement, but that so far as he could tell there had been no improvement. Mr. Taylor remarked that the local manager seems to be solicitous of all complaints and said that he did not think the trouble was with him, but that the inadequacy of the service was due to the policy of retrenchment of the company. He said that if better service is not given he will ask at a subsequent meeting that the matter of rates here to be taken up with the Corporation Commission, for the service is not worth the money, in his opinion. After adopting the resolution the meeting adjourned, having been in session about two hours.

MISSION WORK DISCUSSED. Good Reports on Subject at Methodist Conference. Minneapolis, Minn., May 9.—Address and reports concerning the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Board of Foreign Missions this afternoon and evening occupied the attention of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society in the 31 years of its existence has acquired property amounting to \$2,350,244, which is used for homes, hospitals and hospitals. The work of the society is done among Southern whites, negroes, Mexicans, Indians, immigrants and foreign populations of large cities.

This evening was given over to a consideration of the work of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The question of whether negro churches of the South shall have a bishop of their own race is to be settled tomorrow. The committee appointed to consider the question recommended today that the constitution of the church be so amended by the church. If the amendment is carried, it is probable Dr. R. E. Jones, of New Orleans, will be elected to the position.

The conference today approved the world-wide peace movement and commended President Taft for the part he has taken in it.

Former Vice President of the United States, Charles W. Fairbanks, who is prominent in the church, arrived here today. He will deliver an address to the general council tomorrow night.

PASSED SECOND READING. Home Rule Bill Gets Increased Majority—New Party. London, May 9.—The government carried the home rule bill on its second reading in the House of Commons tonight by a majority of 101, as against 94 for the first reading.

The vote was 372 to 271. It was the most largely attended House at the present Parliament. Both sides had done their utmost to secure every available vote.

The announcement of the figures showing an increased majority occasioned enthusiastic demonstrations on the government side.

The bill was formally referred to a committee of the whole House but as home rule and Welsh disestablishment are being taken concurrently it will not be the turn of the Welsh bill. The committee stage of the home rule bill is not expected to be reached until after Whit Sunday and probably will occupy a couple of months as the opposition is preparing an endless list of amendments.

Helps A Judge in Bad Fix. Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at R. R. Bellamy's.

QUESTION IS ANSWERED

Vice President of Wire Company Testifies to Destruction of Papers. New York, May 9.—The question as to whether officers of the American Steel and Wire Company ordered the destruction of the evidence used in the so-called Jackson wire pool cases before or after the filing of the pending dissolution suit against the United States Steel Corporation was answered today. Frank Baacks, vice president of the wire company, testified before Commissioner Brown that he had given the order to George A. Cragin, his assistant sales manager at Worcester, Mass., September or early in October, last. The suit was filed on October 26th.

Baacks testified further that he had given orders after the dissolution of the wire pools three years ago for the destruction of all the papers connecting his company with the pool's operations, but that the order had been only partly executed. It was due to this oversight that the papers now in question came into the hands of the government.

This testimony came somewhat as a surprise as it was elicited by the Steel Corporation's attorneys after they had fought to prevent Baacks from answering questions as to the date of the visits to Worcester, where the papers were destroyed by Harry A. Whitney, a subordinate who subsequently resigned.

Whitney testified a day or two ago that Baacks had given him the order personally during a visit the latter made to Worcester in November and at the grand jury investigation into the disappearance of the papers an effort was made by Baacks and Cragin to guide his testimony in this regard. They hoped that he would testify that the directions were given by Cragin, he said.

It was upon Whitney's version that the government attorneys appeared anxious to prove that the papers were ordered destroyed after the filing of the suit so that they might not again be used as evidence. Both Cragin and Baacks today denied Whitney's testimony, but neither could give the exact dates upon which Baacks visited Worcester. All that Cragin definitely testified to was that on one of the visits Baacks asked him if the papers had been destroyed.

I. O. O. F. AND REBEKAHS. Grand Lodge and State Assembly Adjourn at Raleigh—Officers. (Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., May 9.—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows increased the per capita tax on the members of the order in this State from \$1.40 to \$1.70 so as to add 35 cents per capita to the maintenance of the Orphans' Home at Goldsboro, making the maintenance fund \$25,000 instead of \$20,000.

Grand Master Chas. Dewey announced appointive officers and they were installed with the customary ceremony before adjournment was taken to meet in Greensboro in 1913. The appointive officers are: Grand Marshal—Hugh Parrish, Franklinville. Grand Conductor—Guy Weaver, Asheville.

Grand Chaplain—Z. Parrish, Murphy. Grand Guardian—W. Scott Frizzle, Washington. Grand Herald—W. H. Bond, Whitakers.

The Rebekah Assembly in session here in connection with the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows adjourned today to meet in Greensboro next year. They elected as officers for the next year: President—Miss Bessie Aiken, Hendersonville. Vice President—Miss Serena Williams, Elizabeth City.

Warden—Miss Medona Livingston, Grover. Secretary—Miss Pattie E. Beck. Treasurer—Miss Hattie Reide Whitaker, Hendersonville. Marshal—Miss Rosa Goodwin, Elizabeth City. Cordwainer—Miss Clara Johnson, Southern Pines.

Chaplain—Mrs. Cora Littleton, Wilmington. Inside Guardian—Mrs. Spry, Coinjock. Outside Guard—Mrs. Nora Wright, West Asheville.

ENGINE HITS AUTO. One Person Killed and Several Injured, One Fatally. St. Louis, Mo., May 9.—Frank J. Bergs, vice president and general manager of a St. Louis coal company, was killed, Virginia Johnson, 12 years old, of Memphis, Tenn., suffered a fracture of the skull that will probably prove fatal, and Mrs. Grace Bell, of St. Louis, sustained a broken arm and jaw this afternoon when an automobile Bergs was driving was struck by a Missouri Pacific engine at Barretts Station, St. Louis county. Mrs. H. P. Johnson, mother of Virginia, was severely bruised.

Bergs, a brother-in-law, of Mrs. Johnson, had been entertaining her, her daughter, her sister, and Miss Bell at one of the country clubs and the party was returning home at the time of the accident.

DEATH AND SUICIDE. Woman Shots Wealthy Contractor and Then Herself. Los Angeles, May 9.—Peter Walker, a wealthy contractor, who recently completed a large part of the government work at the Yume irrigation dam, was shot and killed by Mrs. Anna Dewey, of Haskell, Ohio, said to be the daughter of a former Congressman. Mrs. Dewey committed suicide.

The tragedy occurred in the apartments of the woman, probably last Sunday, but the bodies were not found until today, when a police investigation revealed the fact that Walker was hoping for a reconciliation with his wife. The coroner issued certificates of death by murder and suicide. Mrs. Dewey separated from her husband six months ago.

WON'T RENDER OPINION.

Attorney General Declines to Say if Teddy is Exempt. Albany, N. Y., May 9.—Attorney General Carmody has declined to pass upon the question of whether Col. Theodore Roosevelt is exempt from the performance of jury duty. Recently the Attorney General received a letter from Congressman Gardner, of Massachusetts, one of the anti-Roosevelt leaders in the recent Massachusetts primary election, stating that the question of Col. Roosevelt's eligibility for jury duty had been raised by one of his constituents. W. S. Fernald, of Beverly, Mass.

"I have informed my constituent," says the letter, "that it is my impression that Col. Roosevelt is not subject to this duty on account of his military service, but I shall appreciate it if you can send me a communication which I can forward to my constituent giving the information he seeks."

In reply to Congressman Gardner, Attorney General Carmody says: "In view of the possible significance of the question at the present time as well as the view of its character, I must respectfully decline to render an opinion."

Norfolk, Va., May 9.—With 300 barrels of crude petroleum and 30 drums of gasoline already in her hold, the British steamer Eva will tomorrow take on board a quantity of dynamite in Hampton Roads. The Eva is bound to Curaco, Dutch West Indies. She carries a crew of 25 men but none of them seemed to know what use would be made of the dynamite when it reaches its destination in the Dutch Indies.

New York, May 9.—In the criminal branch of the United States District Court, Judge Hand today sentenced James O. Brezniski, who had been convicted of perjury in connection with his testimony in the sugar and weight frauds, to serve 18 months in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Ga. Brezniski formerly was a special agent for the Treasury Department. Judge Hand granted a stay of execution, pending appeal.

Striped effects are much in evidence in taffetas and foulards. Awnings, tents, decorations, and anything in canvas goods. Room No. 6, Grand Theatre Bldg. DIXIE BROKERAGE CO. ap30-1mo\*

BUSINESS LOCALS. Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant carrying. The advertiser will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by phone to No. 31. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. Charge for telegrams, calls or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams, bills rendered to suit the sender daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call Western Union, phone No. 3. But for advertisements, always call the office, No. 31. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone. Advertisements are always promptly dispatched to any part of the city for them.

CHEAP Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Pineapples, Strawberries, etc. Crystal Palace Confectionery, 115 Market street. WANTED—Position as city salesman, wholesale or retail or anything else available. Apply "P. H. Q.," care Star office. my10-1t

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for night housekeeping in respectable locality near car line, by newly married couple. Address May 15th, care Star office. my10-1t

FOR SALE—Large lot on south Fifth street, 6x165, W. M. Cumming, Real Estate Agent. my10-2t

WANTED—Young man wishes position anything. Not afraid of work. Address 1011 1/2 N. 1st St. Wm. C. Stearns. Have two good accounts for sale. my10-1t

HEADQUARTERS Cape Fear Camp, 254, C. C. V.—Comrades: You will assemble at the lodge at Oakdale cemetery at 3:30 P. M. on Friday, May 10th, for a picnic. Those not having uniforms can procure same at our headquarters one hour previous to the picnic. E. Hamme, Lieut. Commander; L. Brown, Adj. Lt. my10-1t

AUTOMOBILE INSTRUCTION—Demand for auto instruction given by us on the latest cars and in the best equipped shop in the State. Easy terms. Wilmington Automobile School, 114 N. 2nd st. (C. O. Box 124. my10-1t

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished large room—electric lights and use of bath. Call 412 Red Cross street. my10-1t

WANTED—Small cottage in respectable locality, near car line, by young couple. About four rooms preferred. Address "Cottage," care Star. my10-1t

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LOST—Yesterday afternoon at 17th and Princess, one small roan colored steer, with horns about seven inches long. Reward, if returned to C. D. Gilbert. my8-1t

100,000 SHINGLES for sale. Both Juniper and cypress. Roger Moore's Boat Co. my9-1t

TABLE BUTTER—Something fine, 3 lbs. for \$1.00; boneless breakfast bacon, 20c. lb.; Star hams, 18c. lb.; Swift hams, 18c. lb.; F. F. V. hams, 20c. lb. Phone 823. H. Bornemann, 7th and Orange streets. my9-1t

STRAWBERRIES, 10c. qt.; Oranges, 15c. doz.; bananas, 15c. doz.; apples, 50c. pk. Phone 863. C. H. Bornemann, 7th and Orange streets. my9-1t

STEEL RANGES, \$1.00; Cook Stoves, \$8.98; laundry stoves, \$3.98; fruit jars, 55c. 75c. and 95c. dozen; folding iron trunks, \$9.98. Phone 533. C. H. Bornemann. The store that sells more goods for less money. 7th and Orange streets. my9-1t

WHY PAY \$2.00 for your hat when you can get it for 98c. It will pay you to look at our ladies', girls' and boys' hats. There's a reason why we can sell cheaper, because our expense is so great. Bornemann's. "The store that sells everything." 7th and Orange. my9-1t

THOSE WHO WISH to master the details of a most fascinating and profitable business and get good paying positions afterward, are urged to write at once to the Southern Automobile College, Oak Ridge, N. C., the leading school of its kind in the South. Write for special rates. my8-eod-8t

PEANUT CHICKEN FEED—The egg producer, is the screening from shelled peanuts. The best and cheapest feed you can buy. Price 2c. per pound. J. S. Funnell Co., Peanut Graders and Cleaners, 106 N. Water street. my8-10,12-3t

ONLY OPPORTUNITY to buy the best paying cash retail department business in Wilmington, located in the residential section of city. Estimated stock \$5,000. Low rent; terms, spot cash. Will easily net \$3,000 per year. Only first class men who know and intend to run a first class place with cash need apply. Owner intends leaving city. Address "Opportunity," care Star. my3,5,7,10,12,14,17,19-8t

WANTED—Desirable couple who are in the city permanently, may secure board and room in private family. Rates reasonable. No. 5 Church street. my2-1t

YOUNG MEN WANTED for government positions. Full information from Eastern Civil Service Schools, Darby, Pa. ap27-1mo\*

LAUNCH FOR SALE—Hunting cabin, one-man control. Seats 12 passengers; at a bargain. Any one interested write E. O. Willis, Box 162, Southport, N. C. my4-1t

AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE—On May 11th, at 12 o'clock noon, at Barton Motor Company, 114 North Second street, the undersigned will sell at auction for cash one 1911 P. Royal Tourist automobile. Wood-us Kellum, Receiver. my4-7t

BARGAINS in a fine line of trunks, suit cases and hand bags. Also all kinds of unredeemed pledges. Save money and see Uncle Charles, 16 S. Front street. j43-ft

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Land Plaster. 487 Bags Land Plaster. 561 Bags Nitrate Soda. 781 Bags 16 % Acid. 511 Bags 14 % Acid. 469 Bags Kainit. 117 Bags Sulphate Potash. 264 Bags Muriate Potash. 960 Pkgs. Paris Green. 800 Pkgs. Tobacco Twine. 875 Bales Hay. 460 Bags Ship Stuff.

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