

NEW MERCANTILE HOUSE

Mr. Ben Miller, of Baltimore, Will Open Woman's Ready-to-Wear Establishment Here the First of March.

After visiting a number of other cities in North Carolina and adjoining States for a suitable location for an exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear apparel establishment, Mr. Ben Miller, of Baltimore, who has been general manager of the Chas. D. Land Skirt Company, of that place, has decided to locate in Wilmington. He returned to Baltimore last evening after spending several days here making preliminary arrangements.

He said that he expected to carry a stock of \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of ladies' ready-to-wear goods and that he would open his establishment on March 1st. He expects to give his order for his stock upon his arrival in Baltimore. Shipments, he said, will begin to arrive in a few weeks and everything will be ready to open on the date announced. Mr. Miller said that he had secured a lease on the building now occupied by Shrier & Solomon, southeast corner Front and Princess streets. Shrier & Solomon have leased the old J. W. Fleet building on the opposite corner and will move their business to the new location in a short time. Mr. Miller said that he sub-leased the building from Shrier & Solomon, whose lease on the place expires October 1st. There is talk that the Southern National Bank, which owns the corner and the lot adjoining on Front street, expects to erect a handsome home thereon this fall in which event the new firm would have to seek other quarters.

Mr. Miller said that he visited Wilmington six years ago and was then impressed with the opportunity here for a store of the kind he expects to establish, but when he got ready to open a place he thought he would visit a number of other cities before deciding upon a location. He visited Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Durham, but none offered advantages that Wilmington has. The new firm will be welcomed to Wilmington's ever increasing number of mercantile houses.

BANK OF PENDER.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Burgaw Financial Institution. The Bank of Pender, a well known and prosperous financial institution of Burgaw, held its annual meeting Thursday. Mr. Chas. N. Evans, president of the Southern National Bank and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co. of Wilmington, is a director in the Burgaw bank and attended the meeting of the stockholders. The reports of the officers showed the past year's business to have been very gratifying, the earnings for the year ending January 1st being 23 per cent. A vote of thanks was given the officers of the institution. It was decided to make improvements in the bank's quarters. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, W. D. Croom; first vice president, H. T. Murphy; second vice president, J. H. Moore; cashier, C. C. Branch. The bank has a capital stock of \$125,000 and the deposits amount to \$120,000.

FUNERAL OF MR. H. P. MERRITT.

Large Attendance and Beautiful Floral Offerings at Service. The funeral of Mr. H. P. Merritt, who died Wednesday morning, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from his late residence, corner of Eighth and Maeres streets, by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southeast Baptist church, and interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The attendance was large, the police, the Juniors, the Woodmen and the Odd Fellows, to all of which he belonged, being among those who gathered to pay tribute to his memory. Each made beautiful floral offerings at the service. The active pall-bearers were Messrs. C. W. Woodard, E. J. Grimley, C. E. Wood, M. C. Gray, T. M. Hall and A. L. Long; and the honorary pall-bearers were Messrs. John J. Fowler, D. W. Coleman, W. C. Moore, H. W. Howell, Chas. Jones and A. D. Smith. The death of Mr. Merritt, who had been ill for about two months, is sincerely deplored by many whose deep sympathy goes out to the widowed wife and her four little children.

REVISION OF THE BIBLE.

Some have asked the question, "Why should we have revised editions of the Bible?" "Why not let the old King James version stand just as it is?" And some have been very much concerned and have said some exceedingly bitter things because a committee of Baptist scholars has given us a new translation of the Bible. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock I propose to discuss the necessity for revision from time to time and to answer the criticism of those who speak of us as "Baptist scoundrels" and our daring to translate a Greek and Hebrew into English as a blasphemous performance. I give this notice for the benefit of those who have spoken to me on the subject, that they may be present and hear what may be said. J. H. FOSTER, Pastor First Baptist Church.

AT WRIGHTSBORO MONDAY.

Farmers' Institute to be Held in the School House. The farmers' institute, which will be held at Wrightsboro in the public school house Monday, begins at 10 A. M., and the afternoon session begins at 1:30 o'clock. Since it is an all day session, the farmers who attend are asked to bring lunch. There will be discussions on soil improvement, crops, live stock, marketing, etc., and for the women the subjects to be discussed are household economics, canning, cookery, health in the home, education, and kindred topics. The farmers, their wives and sons and daughters are urged to be present. Prizes will be given for the best five ears of corn shown by farmer or farmer's son, and for the best loaf of bread baked by a farmer's wife or daughter.

SOROSIS HEARS MISS MOORE

An Address by a Woman to Women on Subjects in Which Women Are Vitrally Interested—Live Topics Discussed.

The Home Science Department of the North Carolina Sorosis had as its guest yesterday afternoon Miss Anne Moore, Ph. D., of New York, who delivered a most unusually interesting and instructive address on subjects in which women are deeply interested, speaking particularly of the influences that disrupt the home, and of things that women are desirous of remedying.

The meeting was held in the reading room of the Masonic Temple, and was presided over by the chairman, Mrs. John Thomas. The regular programme for the afternoon was dispensed with in order that the ladies might hear Miss Moore, who was charmingly introduced by Miss Margaret Gibson. Miss Moore was to have spoken on matters pertaining to health and domestic science, but she humbly pleaded not guilty to the charge that she had any knowledge of the latter.

Under the head of influences she spoke of the changed conditions in women's lives, pointing out that whereas they formerly were compelled to spend a large part of their time in sewing, they now have been relieved of this onerous and confining task by the invention of machinery that made clothing and hence had more time to give to the consideration of subjects with which they are closely concerned. The crowded condition in cities, with all the evils caused by it, was discussed at length. Miss Moore noted that this condition was obtaining to some extent in Wilmington.

Of the evils that women everywhere wish to remedy, Miss Moore told of the consumers' league, of New York, in which women had combined to fight the sweat shop system by refusing to buy clothing and other things which are manufactured under wrong conditions. They refuse to wear clothing in which the lives of women have been sweated. Discussing child labor, she pointed out the things that are made by tiny fingers intended for play instead of grinding work. Children, she said, in the great cities, make these things in the home, and often their little bodies become so weary that they fall asleep over their almost ceaseless task. Nuts, for instance, are shelled by them, often amidst the most filthy surroundings; are sometimes cracked with the teeth, and thus germs are given a fine opportunity to travel far and wide—may even come to this city and cause disease.

In conclusion, Miss Moore spoke of changed conditions in Wilmington. Municipal improvements were noted, and the general character of the city is no longer what it used to be. Wilmington is no longer "the sleepy old town," she said, but is taking on the airs of a metropolitan city, such as the great city where she lives, and with this growth into a city there has come the need of a city. She read from a news paper item about three small boys taking a horse and buggy in this city and driving away with it, and she said: "What the boys did was not compared with what was done to the boys." She then spoke of the imprisonment of those boys in the common jail with hardened adult prisoners, and impressively pointed out the need of a juvenile court and a reformatory for youthful criminals, whereas there would be made into good and useful citizens, instead of growing up in crime and vice and becoming a menace to society. This is one of the subjects in which women all over the country are interested, and Miss Moore appealed to the ladies of Wilmington to enlist themselves in behalf of this matter.

The address, in the words of a lady present, was one that "set the ladies to thinking," and, therefore, was of value, and greatly appreciated by all. Yesterday morning Miss Moore spoke to the students in the High School, and a number of visitors, on the subject of woman suffrage, and was heard with the closest attention for more than an hour. Miss Moore has been intimately associated with the leaders in the battle for votes for women, and knows her subject, so that the address was a revelation to many who heard her. She did not argue the question as much as she analyzed it, and cleared up points on which the average person is ignorant. The English phase of the movement was presented, and Miss Moore declared the newspapers of this country aid rather than retard the efforts of the women to get the ballot, by their humorous flings.

Miss Moore is here to visit her mother, Mrs. Susan E. Moore.

WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW.

Mr. Chas. M. Patterson to Become Citizen of Wilmington. Mr. Chas. M. Patterson, of New York City, who was elected vice president of the Southern National Bank at the annual meeting of the directors Tuesday, is expected to arrive in Wilmington tomorrow to take up his permanent residence here. He will most heartily be welcomed to the city and he will no doubt take quite an active part in the business and social life of the place. Mr. Patterson has been indisposed for the past few days, suffering an attack of the grip, but he expects to be able to leave New York today for Wilmington. He will live for the present at The Orton. For some time Mr. Patterson has been a director in the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company of this city, and is well known here. A few years ago he lived in Charlotte, being a director in the Charlotte National Bank and the president of the Charlotte Trust Company. Wilmington people have learned with interest and pleasure that he intends to make this city his home in the future.

"I've Lost My Gal." A fine new comedy song by Mr. Karp. Hear him at the Grand Theatre today. (advertisement.)

SOME PROPOSED BILLS

Discussion as to Probable Provisions of Salary Bill—Proposition As to Clerkship of Recorder's Court.

There has been right much discussion this week among those most vitally concerned relative to the salary bill that Senator Marsden Bellamy and Representative Woodson Kellum propose to have passed at the present General Assembly. No one seems to have much idea as to the approximate salary that will be proposed for the different officers, and it is not known that Messrs. Bellamy and Kellum have come to any agreement on the matter. It is presumed that as soon as they settle upon the bill as they desire it passed they will give it to the press as well as all other important bills affecting New Hanover that will be offered in the General Assembly.

Senator Bellamy stated in a public speech some time ago that before he caused to be passed in the Senate any important bills he would give the people of his district an opportunity to be heard, that is, he would give the bills or a synopsis of the principal provisions to the press so that the people might be informed. Whether here the other day he again mentioned his policy in this regard. He stated also after he found out a conference of the City Council and a committee from the Chamber of Commerce was to be held to discuss various proposed local measures that he would likely wait and see what suggestions came from the conference before offering any measures affecting the city. It is expected that this committee will finish its work in a few days and make report to a joint meeting of the two bodies so that the legislators may be informed of the wishes of the people speaking through the Chamber of Commerce and Council.

In connection with the salary bill it has been talked that Senator Bellamy and Representative Kellum propose to limit the sheriff to two deputy sheriffs for outside work; that is, they will allow a salary for only two and any others would have to be paid by the sheriff out of the allowance given him. An allowance would be given the sheriff for office help during the tax-collecting season. It is said that it is proposed that the new law provide that all papers shall be served through the sheriff's office, except those handled by the constable of a township, and that in order to prevent a magistrate from making a practice of deputizing men to serve papers a clause will be inserted that the officer so deputized shall receive no compensation. The fees for serving papers by deputies are to be paid into the sheriff's office and turned over by this official to the county. There is some question as to whether the sheriff can get along with only two deputies on the outside; certainly there are times when he will need more.

There is also some talk that the legislators have proposed the consolidation of the office of clerk of the Recorder's Court with that of the Clerk of Superior Court. The idea would be to give the Clerk of Superior Court a deputy, who would devote most of his time to the Recorder's court. It has been suggested that the county should provide a room for the Recorder's court in the basement of the Court house, with entrance from the Princess street side. An office for the clerk could be fitted up and he should be required to stay in his office the usual office hours, it has been suggested. This, of course, would mean that a great number of the warrants now being issued by magistrates would be issued from the Recorder's court and cases would go direct to the higher tribunal without having to first receive attention in the magistrate's court.

Quite a number of people, noting in the papers a few days ago that Representative Kellum had introduced in the House a bill to restore local self-government in Wilmington towards by reducing the number of magistrates from 25 to 5, have been right much puzzled to know just what sort of a bill is proposed. They point out that there is evidently an error somewhere, either in the reporter "covering" the proceedings or in transmitting the telegram.

Both Senator Bellamy and Representative Kellum are expected to return to Wilmington tonight to spend the week-end and they will, no doubt, be glad to give information on any points that are not exactly clear to any who are interested.

TO SEE THE BIG DITCH.

Party of Wilmington People Leave for the Panama Canal Zone. Last night a party of ladies and gentlemen left the city for a trip down to the Panama Canal and other southern points of interest. Those in the party being Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Corbett, Misses Divine, Sue McQueen, Eleanor Gilchrist and Annie Watters; and Messrs. H. C. McQueen, H. H. McIlhenny, T. H. Wright and M. W. Davine, the last named gentleman having the tour in charge. A special Pullman car carried them over the A. C. L. to Jacksonville, at which point they will take the famous East Coast Railroad for Key West. There they will take steamer for Panama.

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SPECIAL TERM ENDS TODAY

Work of Civil Court About Finished—Verdict of A. C. L. Yesterday—Criminal Court Convenes Next Week.

The special term of New Hanover Superior Court which convened January 6th for the trial of civil causes only, will come to an end today. Monday morning the regular January term of court will convene and will be devoted exclusively to the trial of criminal cases.

Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, will preside next week by exchange with the judge riding this district. He is now in Burgaw and is expected to arrive here today. The special term which comes to a close today has been presided over by Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown.

Archer Robertson, a former yard contractor for the A. C. L., at this place, who was hurt on the yards a few years ago, does not recover any damages from the railroad, according to the verdict of a jury returned in Superior Court yesterday after being out only a few minutes. The plaintiff asked for damages on the sum of \$25,000. The jury said he was not entitled to recover anything. Trial of the case consumed most all of Thursday and yesterday. Representing the plaintiff was K. C. Sidbury, Esq., while W. W. Davis, Esq., appeared for the defendant company.

J. A. Taylor was given judgment against Alex. Newton for \$515 with interest from August 31st, 1910. The case was not contested. Judgment for dismissal was given in the case of Hattie Samuel, administratrix of John Samuel, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, a compromise having been effected out of court. Judgment dismissing the defendants' appeal was given in the case of William Gregerson against J. J. Furlong and A. F. Eilers. Magistrate J. C. King gave the plaintiff judgment against the defendants for \$189.28, less \$50 partial payment on the account, and the defendants took an appeal, which, it appears, was never perfected. In the case of the Pocomoke Guano Company against Newton & Williamson an interlocutory judgment was signed.

An unusual thing about the present term of court is the fact that not a divorce case was tried. This is perhaps the first civil term in years that a divorce case has not been heard. There will probably be no more jury trials and today will be devoted to signing judgments, hearing motions, etc.

The criminal term of court which begins Monday will be a rather important one. It is strongly hinted that evidence will be offered the grand jury against a large number of persons reported to be engaged in the sale of whiskey. The authorities, it is reported, have been quite active since the last term of court, with the result that much evidence as to violations of the law has been gathered. It is also reported that the authorities think they have evidence that will show that some of the nolo contendere defendants have not kept faith with the court.

There are several capital cases on the docket for trial, the most important one. It is strongly hinted that interest centers is that against J. C. Holly, a white man, who is charged with arson, it being alleged that he set fire to the Rock Springs Hotel, which was conducted by him, about two years ago. Edward Cromwell, Holly's ward, lost his life in the fire. Holly was twice tried on the charge of murdering Cromwell by giving him poison. The first time he was convicted and sentenced to be electrocuted, but given a new trial and the case removed to Pender county, the defendant was found not guilty. He was not given a new trial, however, as the arson charge had already been preferred against him. Holly's attorneys, C. D. Weeks and Wm. J. Bellamy, Esqs., will ask that a nolo pro be taken by the State in the arson case on the ground that a man cannot be placed in jeopardy twice for the same offense, and that the arson and murder cases are practically the same though technically they are not. The attorney has some little hope of their motion being granted, it is said. The evidence against Holly in the arson case is said to be practically the same as that brought against him at the two trials on the murder charge.

Probably the next case in importance is one against Adam McNeill, colored, charged with attempted criminal assault on an aged negro woman two or three weeks ago. McNeill was given preliminary hearing Friday. It was brought against him at the two trials on the murder charge. The white man, who was charged with the assault, was charged with attempted criminal assault on an aged negro woman two or three weeks ago. McNeill was given preliminary hearing Friday. It was brought against him at the two trials on the murder charge.

Sam Hall, the convict who was found in the city and arrested, and who claims he had no part in the case, was convicted of being an escaped prisoner and 30 days will be added to the remaining four months of his sentence of a year for larceny. The superintendent of the chain gang, Mr. James, and one of his guards, testified that Hall did not have permission to visit the city, but on cross-examination the guard made the statement that Hall, who was working with a small gang, refused to do his work, said he was going back to the main camp, and left; and when asked why he permitted him to leave, the guard said he couldn't help himself, being unarmed. Mr. Peschau, in his remarks to the court, noted that there had been reports of these convicts coming to town, and he declared that if it kept up, somebody would be haled to court to answer for participation in voluntary escape. It is not uncommon in many convict camps for the "trusties" to be sent on errands, but if reports are correct, it would seem that entirely too much liberty has been allowed.

Purchased Fine New Buick. Mr. E. W. Godwin, Jr., of Point Caswell, was in the city yesterday and purchased from the Pickard-Bleeker Auto Co., one of the handsome No. 31 Buick touring cars. Mr. Godwin and family left in the afternoon, returning in the car to their home at Point Caswell.

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LEGAL HOLIDAY

Monday, January 20, 1913 SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, ROBT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY. BEING A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE BANKS COMPOSING THE WILMINGTON CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 20th. THO'S E. COOPER, Secretary.

LEE-JACKSON EXERCISES.

Daughters of Confederacy Will Honor Memory of Generals. Today at 1 o'clock in the ball room of the Masonic Temple exercises commemorative of the birth of General Robert Edward Lee and General Thomas Jonathan Jackson will be held by the Cape Fear Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in conjunction with the Confederate Veterans. Dinner will first be served in the ball room to the members of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, Confederate Veterans, after which the interesting programme which has been prepared, will be given. Among the visitors will be the president of the State Division, U. C. Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison, and the State recording secretary, Mrs. Thad W. Thrash, of Tarboro. Mrs. Williams will make a short address and Mrs. Thrash will exhibit a reproduction of the first Confederate flag, presented to the Daughters by Captain Orrin Smith, who designed the flag. Among the events of the afternoon will be the presentation of the Southern cross of honor to a number of veterans. Commander James I. Metts, of the Cape Fear Camp, has issued a call to the members and other veterans to meet in the W. L. I. armory at 12 o'clock to receive badges which will admit them to the dinner and exercises. A special reception committee has been appointed by the Daughters, as follows: Mrs. W. M. Parsley, Miss Mary Sanders, Mrs. Junius Davis, Mrs. M. S. Willard, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, Mrs. James Carmichael, Mrs. Roger Moore, Mrs. S. G. Lewis, Mrs. J. L. Cantwell, Mrs. John James, Mrs. Joshua James, Mrs. D. O'Connor, Mrs. W. P. Oldham, Mrs. Louis DeRosset and Mrs. T. O. Bunting.

GOLDSBORO TO WILMINGTON.

Proposed Highway From This City Through Rich Country. Says this week's issue of the Duplin Enterprise, Rose Hill: "The Enterprise has been advocating good roads until it may be a 'cheat nut' in the minds of a great many friends. However, here is a new proposition: Let's build a splendid public highway from Wilmington to Goldsboro during 1913. Warsaw is building her part along the railroad; and we see no reason why other townships along the Coast Line can't fall in line. This public highway from Wilmington to Goldsboro will prove to be one of the most popular highways in North Carolina, and if Wilmington and Goldsboro fall to grasp the situation at once, we are surprised at their sleepiness and wonder what kind of stuff they are made of."

The Associated Charities.

Report of the treasurer of the Associated Charities for the month of December, 1912, was as follows: Receipts—New Hanover county, \$200; Mrs. M. A. Potter, \$5; an unknown friend, \$1; Mrs. R. C. Cantwell, \$1; Mrs. L. H. Love, \$2; cash, \$25; Mrs. Alice Lippitt, \$1; from the Christmas tree of the Sunday School at Wrightsboro, \$5.12; Mrs. W., \$2.50; St. Paul's Lutheran church, \$43. Disbursements—Secretary's salary, \$33.33; Catherine Kennedy Home, \$12.50; groceries, \$16; rent for office, \$10.50; cash help, \$5.22; oil for stove, 12 cents; telephone \$2.33.

Four Grand Pictures.

At the Grand today there will be four big picture features; also special music by the orchestra. (Advertisement.)

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