SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hazel and son, of Durham, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greenamyer at Sunset Park.

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There will be a meeting of the Whatsoever Circle of the Kings Daughters and Sons at the First Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

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Miss Agnes Blanding, of Corsicana, Texas, who has been the guest of Miss Madge Brand at her home on Chestnut street for the past two weeks, left this morning for Sumter, and other South Carolina points for several days visit after which she will return to her home in Texas.

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Many friends of A. B. VanBuren, Esq., will regret to learn that he was compelled to undergo a very serious operation at the James Walker Memorial Hospital early yesterday morning. Mr. VanBuren was reported last night as doing as well as could be expected. His friends will wish for him an early recovery.

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The friends and admirers of the late Bishop Strange are invited to attend a meeting at St. Jamer's Parish House this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to consider the matter of a suitable memorial to him. On account of the inclement weather this meeting was postponed from last Friday afternoon, and in view of the esteem in which Bishop Strange was held a large attendance is hoped for today.

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The principal social event of this week is the wedding Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock of Miss Madge Ella Brand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brand, and Mr. Thomas Carson Taliaferro, of Charlotte. A number of social functions were given last week in honor of the bride-elect and members oft he bridalparty who are here, and there will also be a number of others preceding the wedding this week. A number of out-of-town guests including Mrs. W. R. Taliaferro, of Charlotte, mother of the prospective groom, are already here, and others will arrive during the next few days.

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Friends in this section of the State have received the following invitations:

Mrs. Catharine B. Morton
invites you to be present at the
First Baptist Church
Rockingham, North Carolina
on Tuesday evening, November the
tenth
at eight o'clock
to witness the marriage of her
daughter
Ruby Esdale
to
Mr. Julian Carr Burroughs
At Home
Rockingham, N. C.,

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The following is from yesterday's Charlotte Observer:

A wedding of much interest to society in Wilmington and Charlotte is that of Miss Madge Ella Brand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brand of Wilmington and Mr. Thomas Carson Taliaferro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Taliaferro, Sr., of this city, which will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The bridegroom, accompanied by his father, Mr. W. R. Taliaferro, and Miss Lula Taliaferro and Mr. Tom Taliaferro will leave Tuesday for Wilmington. Mrs. Taliaferro left the first of last week.

TROUBLE DIAGNOSED AS FINANCIAL HYSTERIA

Wilson Citizen So Terms the Present Conditions.

Farmers in Wilson County Discouraged as Result of Last Year's Storm and Present European Hostilities He Claims.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Oct. 25.—One of the better informed citizens of Wilson stated yesterday, in conversation concerning the financial situation in this county that the fact was evident that the majority of the farmers were suffering from a financial hysteria.

In the fall of 1913 a severe storm swept over this county and damaged the cotton crop from 35 to 50 percent. The loss was the cause of considerable complaint but the crop brought about 12 cent sand the farmers sold their cotton and reduced their indebtedness largely, if not entirely. This fall with a magnificent crop, many farmers having materially improved their land and thereby received a larger production per acre, there is more than an average cotton production in the county and the price is between six and seven cents.

The farmers have a larger crop of tobacco than last year and the price is good. With a sale of a portion of the cotton and the use of a part of the receipts from the tobacco every dollar of indebtedness could be paid. Instead of paying their accounts and furthermore, declring to deposit the money received from tobacco in the banks of the county, the farmers are actually withdrawing from circulation the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid for the tobacco and thereby injuring their own condition. The same gentleman stated that if the farmers would only think seriously and act reasonably they would improve the local situation at no loss to themselves.

Since the opening of the tobacco season, one warehouse, the Farmers Warehouse, operated for the farmers, has handled over 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco, having handled 700,000 pounds this week. The other three warehouses have certainly done as well, and this crop has brought good prices. Yesterday this correspondent was told by one of the warehousemen that probably 45 percent of the crop had been marketed. One farmed sold Friday 1,000 pounds of tobacco at an average of 29 cents, and some of the leaf sold as hight as 51 cents a pound.

Well informed men from other towns tell the same story, tobacco farmers demanding the cash and carrying it home, putting it out of circulation. This fact is the cause of the serious condition here in the tobacco belt, where this year there should be no serious cause for complaint. Even at 6 cents a pound for cotton, and the present prices of tobacco, Wilson county farmers would be as well off as in the fall of 1913, if they sold their cotton as well as the tobacco. The increased production of the cotton would cover the depreciation in price.

Chief of Police Wiggs thinks that there exists an organization with almost perfect system by which liquor is sold contrary to law and the designates the offenders as the "big" and "little" fellows. It is apparent, according to the Chief, that the litle fellows are taken care of and their bonds made, attorneys employed, and fines paid by the bigger offenders. With every round-up of the blind tigers comes a decreased number of arrests for drunkeness, but after the trial and payment of fines, the number of cases in the police court in noticeably larger. Mr. Wiggs is making a streneous effort to locate the big fellows.

The safe rule is to use the smallest shot you can get into the bird, through his armor of feathers and skin. Range, of course, enters into the computation. For example, 10's will kill quail nicely in the early part of the season in California, when the birds are flushing close to the shooter, and many young ones are in the flocks. But the same 10's are useless on the hardier birds of late in the winter, when they, too, have learned wisdom and get up at 30 yards or more.

Sevens are deadly on ducks at ordinary duck ranges of 35 to 50 yards; sixes take care of nearly all duck shooting. Sixes and sevens get home at ordinary ranges, and on ordinary ducks.

But when the programme changes to long shots at "cans," then the 7's and the 6's have to resign in favor of 4's. It is highly embarrassing to hear your shot splatter on a hard breastplate of feathers and see the bird merely go into the high in his desire to give you more room.—November Outing.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERIAL

In Session at Faison, Interesting Exercises are Held—warsaw Tobacco Market—Cotton.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Oct. 25.—The Wilmington Presbyterial, met in Fasion Saturday, with Mrs. Joseph Brown, of Chadbourn, president, presiding, and a very succesful meeting was had in spite of the threatening weather. The services were opened by prayer by Rev. James Thomas, of Clinton, and Miss Sallie Hill, of Fasion, by the well chosen words of the welcoming address made every one feel at home.

Rev. Lacy Little, who for a number of years has been a missionary to China, was the principal speaker of the day, and in his address on Liberty told in a very brilliant manner of how Christianity had helped the Chinese, and particularly the women, bringing them from the sphere in which they were considered as slaves, and placing them on the level with man; doing away with the heathen customs, and adopting those of the civilized, and christianized world; and in every respect lifting them both spiritually and mentally.

Mrs. Annie Witherington next rendered a beautiful song service assisted by a competent choir, which was followed by a prayer for Peace by Mrs. A. W. Southerland, of Mount Olive, in which she asked for Divine aid in bringing about peace in everything.

A delightful paper was prepared by Mrs. W. M. Cumming, of Wilmington, as a memorial to Mrs. B. F. Hall, one of the most loved women of North Carolina, and who has done a great work in the missionary field; owing to the absence of Mrs. Cumming, Mrs. Craig, of Wilmington, read the paper.

The meeting adjourned for dinner a most sumptious lunheon served buffet style by the ladies of Faison, after which they returned to the church where black board studies; prayer needs was greatly enjoyed.

Then a devotional hour was spent in which Mrs. Brown, the president, led. A special feature of the meeting was the exhibition of curious of rare beauty and priceless value, which Miss Sue Hall who has been a missionary for years showed, and explained, these greatly interested the ladies, and children.

The Warsaw tobacco market has sold 350,000 pounds of the bright leaf this week, which is far in excess of any amount ever handled on the warehouse floors of this town in the same length of time, and the top notch prices that have prevailed during the past few days are climbing steadily.

The farmers of Faison feeling pretty blue because they have not been planting any crop except cotton, besides the early vegetables, but not daunted by the present depression of the cotton market, and believing that they have learned a lesson by the conditions, they are planting crimson clover, alfalfa, oats, and other small grain crops to an extent that has never been seen before. It seems that after obtaining considerable information from different parts of the county that the cotton crop next year will be cut nearly 50 per cent. instead of 25 per cent. was stated some time ago.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. D. Geiger, of Rocky Mount, was a guest at the Wilmington yesterday.

—Rev. J. S. Moody, of Fayetteville, was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. J. J. Vereen, of Little River, S. C., was here yesterday, stopping at The Orton.

—Rivers D. Johnson, Esq., of Warsaw, was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. J. T. Bryant, of Pages Mills, S. C., was registered at the Imperial last night.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton was Mr. A. H. Reppard, of Fayetteville, N. C.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morse, of Southport, spent yesterday in the city, stopping at The Orton.

—Capt. J. F. Bussells, of Southport, spent yesterday in the city, and was registered at The Orton.

—Mr. C. E. Greenamyer returned Saturday night from Durham, where he spent several days on business last week.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Clyde steamer Cheorkee reached port yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock on her regular run from New York. The list of passengers arriving was printed in yesterday's issue.

THEATRICAL

Unusual interest is being manifested in the forthcoming presentation of "Stop Thief" a new production to be seen at Academy of Music next Saturday, Matinee and Night.

"Stop Thief" is a farce in three acts from the pen of Carlyle Moore. The plot of the piece deals with kleptomania. A kleptomaniac is defined by Webster as a wealthy person of extraordinary absentmined tendencies and morbid impulses. The mania usually demonstrates its presence by the victim of it being discovered in making a collection of valuable articles that do not belong to him. When the poor man is caught doing the same thing he is arrested as an ordinary thief. That is a detail however.

There are two kleptomaniacs and a real crook in "Stop Thief". One of the kleptomaniacs is a millionaire and the other is his prospective son-in-law. The bride-to-be knows that her father is afflicted with mania to steal, but she is ignorant of the fact that her future husband is also .

Into this household a real thief is smuggled by a new maid, and the plot thus tangled in the first act calls for the presence of a batallion of policemen who appear in the second oct, where the thrills begin. One valuable article after another disappears in the most mysterious manner, and in the search of the culprits many funny situations are envolved.

Bert Leigh is seen in the part of the "Thief," and Miss Hazele Burgess as the "Maid, his pal," and the original Gaiety Theatre, N. Y. scenic production will be used, with an excellent supporting cast.

" William Tell" Grand Today

Today and tomorrow the Grand will screen for the great delight of Wilmington people, and thereby offering them chance as only the folks of the larger cities are getting, Schiller's immortal drama, "William Tell", which besides furnishing really magnificent entertainment offers an education, therefore all children should be taken to see it. Bear in mind, too, that the price for children remains at 5 cents, while adults only have to pay 10 cents, the smallest ever charged to behold this wonderful Paramount Picture, because it is a Paramount, and that means the last word in moving picture brilliancy. It takes six big reels to unfold the story of William Tell, and, of course the play is staged on the lofty peaks of the Alps and tells in thrilling manner how William Tell liberated Switzerland. It is a wonderful story, told in most wonderful way and in elaborate pictures. The cast is made-up of all noted actors and actresses, because the Paramount never offers any other. It has been pronounced the greatest thing yet in moving pictures and Wilmington folks will undoubtly show their appreciation by crowding the Grand, which is always comfortable, no matter the nature of the weather.

Wednesday episode No. 4 in "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be offered, in connection with other big films, and all for the small price of 5 cents admission.

At the Victoria Today

With the usual matinee this afternoon, followed by two big shows tonight, the Victoria will commence to joy-ride on another swell week of Keith vaudeville, and it is going to prove one of the most delightful seasons of this high class amusment Wilmington folks have ever known. The show opening today and running throughout Wednesday is one sparklong with the brightest Keith gems, headed by an exceptionally novel act Duranto, the famed Chinese comedian, who is offering an elaborate musical sketch, set with special scenery. It is a superb novelty. However, novelty is going to be the keynote of the present show, because, those well known novelty entertainers, Lehoen and Dupreece, are also on the boards. Among the other big stars who will deport themselves and immensely please the people of Wilmington will be Stewart and Donahue, one of the best known of all comedy sketch teams, and Neher and Kappell, noted vaudevillians, who are now in the South for the first time.

The picture on today, two big new reels, are also special features, while the orchestra has a great offering, presenting the very latest numbers. So be certain to go to the Victoria today, if you want to see the cream of the Keith Vaudeville, Vaudeville is the popular form of amusement these days.

"The Phantom Light"-Bijou

Friends, if you miss a single day this week at the popular price photoplay theatre, you'll surely miss something that you don't want to, for it promises to contain more big, exclusive, new feature, something that the Bijou has paid a big price, simply to have the exclusive privilege of showing them in Wilmington, and that cannot be obtained by any other theatre at any price.

Today's big program is headed by that great double-reel feature release, "The Phantom Light", a dramatic masterpiece featuring William Clifford and Marie Walcamp in the leading roles. "The Phantom Light" is a dramatic tale of America's aborigines, wherein thrilling battle scenes—battles fought as they were centuries ago—combine with, the rarest and best in Indian romance and legend to hold the spectors interest in a firm grip. The picture has its setting in some of the most picturesque spots in the California mountains and the whole picture is an artistic gem of coloring—sentiment an legendary romance and adventure. Particularly are the fights between the Indian tribes and again between the two "braves" unique and exciting.

Then there's a feature Victor drama with that peerless screen favorite, Warren Kerrigan, and dainty, petite, Vera Sisson playing the leading parts, assisted by George Periolat and G. Raymond Nye, all of whom are familiar to those who admire that Victor-Kerrigan dramas—and everyone does. It's entitled "Disillussioned" and is a touching and interesting romance, and a dramatic picture worthy of being featured on any bill.

"Our Mutual Girl" winds up the bill with the thirty-second reel of her exciting adventures in New York city. This is by far the most interesting chapter yet, as Irvin Cobb is excelling his best efforts on this series of stories.

"The City of Promise"

An exceptionally brilliant offering is booked for the free movies at the Orton Confectionery this afternoon and evening, a three reel Warner feature release, "The City of Promise." This is a story of the exciting adventures of a stage-struck girl in the city of New York, and that well known star, Miss Cecelia Loftus plays the title role, thus insuring something out of the ordinary run of pictures.

Miss Loftus, who takes the part of Alice Dall, the stage-struck girl, in this mamoth production gives full sway to her unusual talent, and the picture and story will be remembherd long by everyone who is fortunate enough to see it. The Orton movies are growing in popularity every day, and promise to be one of the brightest spots of amusement during the long Winter evenings soon coming on.

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Larceny of Horse.

Fred Rafenbery was arrested last night by Policeman W. K. Rhodes on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a horse and buggy from H. B. Michaelis. The latter told the police that Rafenbery tried to borrow the horse yesterday morning, that he refused to let him have it, and that a little later Refenberg broke into the stable, took the horse and buggy and was away all day. He returned about 9 o'clock last night and Michaelis then had him arrested.

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