

WILL FIGHT TO FINISH IN DEFENSE OF PORTS AGAINST RATE CHANGE

Cowan Returns With Enthusiastic Report of United and Determined Stand

Both the South Atlantic States' association and the Mississippi Valley association intend to fight to the last ditch any attempt to upset the parity of export rates now in effect to the Gulf and South Atlantic ports...

The stand of the South Atlantic States association is in line with the action taken by the Wilmington chamber of commerce at a special meeting Friday, January 15, when J. A. Taylor, chairman of the chamber's traffic committee, introduced resolutions calling upon the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line, serving Wilmington...

Whereas, there is a rumored purpose on the part of certain trunk line railroads to seek the cancelling out of these export rates, which purpose is being stimulated, if it was not actually instigated, by the New York state chamber of commerce and allied rival commercial interests, and...

Whereas, the protection of these rates is a condition precedent to the development of the export trade through the South Atlantic and Gulf ports on terms of equality with North Atlantic ports, it is resolved by the South Atlantic States association:

First, that the railroads of the southern classification territory are obligated both morally and commercially to defend these competitive rates against attack from whatever quarter. Second, that officials of this association be brought to the attention of the executives of the railroads in question, with the request that they indicate their attitude in the matter.

GAMING HOUSE CHARGE IS FACED BY THREE

Arrested On Indictments Returned Friday

Charged with operating gambling houses in the downtown section of the city, Lott M. Le Gwin, Joe Finberg and Sam Watson were arrested yesterday on indictments found by the grand jury Friday.

Immediately after the indictments were returned, a solicitor conferred with Judge E. H. Cramer, who fixed the bonds of Finberg and Watson at \$500 each, and Le Gwin's bond was made \$250.

Le Gwin and Finberg gave their bond, but up to last night Watson had not arranged bond and he was still in jail.

TWO ALLEGED DEALERS IN WHISKEY BEING DETAINED

Bennie Pierce, who is alleged to be the leader of the band of illicit whiskey dealers in this city, is reported to be under arrest at Jacksonville, where, it is said, he is being held under \$1,000 bond. Sheriff George C. Jackson has forwarded warrants to Onslow county authorities, charging Pierce with violations of the prohibition laws in New Hanover county.

M. C. (Dinky) Jones was arrested in the court room yesterday afternoon on two true bills found by the grand jury from indictments furnished by Solicitor Woodus Kellum. He is charged with selling whiskey and impersonating an officer. Just before adjourning court last night, Judge E. H. Cramer fixed bond for Jones at \$250 in each case, and late last night he was still in jail.

LOCAL NEGRESS DEAD

A Wilmington negress lies dead in the Kings county morgue, in New York city, according to a telegram received yesterday by Chief of Police Nathan Williams, from Lahey, chief inspector of the morgue, who wired the local chief to notify Carrie Jones, Snug Haven, Wrightville, and that Minerva Nixon was dead and requesting advice as to what disposition should be made of the body. It was learned last night that Carrie Jones dispatched a telegram to Chief Lahey, advising him to have the negro woman buried in New York.

CANADY RELEASED

Luke Canady, white, who was charged with violation of the prohibition laws and who has been in jail for some time pending sentence by the recorder, was ordered released by Recorder George Harris Friday, with pay for judgment continued for two years and upon payment of the costs. The recorder also made the defendant promise that he would appear in court on the first Monday of every month during the two years of suspended judgment.

Rev. Kenneth Otten Will Preach Here

Will Conduct Services At St. Paul's Lutheran Church Today

Rev. Kenneth Otten, pastor of the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia, will preach at St. Paul's Lutheran church today at 11 o'clock and also at the night service, 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Otten is a native of this city, and was ordained several months ago, after completing a theological course in a Lutheran seminary in Pennsylvania.

Dr. J. C. Seeger, pastor of St. Paul's, is in Chicago, attending to some business in connection with his church. He will return to the city some time next week.

MISSIONARY PAGEANT IS OFFERED TONIGHT

Will Be Presented At St. James Episcopal Church

A missionary pageant, entitled "The Light of the World," will be presented tonight at St. James' Episcopal church by the Church Service League of St. James' church.

This pageant, which will be a part of the evening service, is based on the history of the Episcopal church. It teaches that the light of the early church which shone first at Jerusalem and which endured all the trials and struggles of the ages, has grown dim at times, but not extinguished, and is now gradually spreading to all nations.

JUDGE CRAMMER GOES TO BURGA TOMORROW

On Following Monday Will Go to Whiteville

Judge Cramer will preside at a week's court at Burgaw, commencing tomorrow, and on the following Monday he will open a two weeks' session at Whiteville.

There were a number of important criminal cases disposed of during the recent term, among these being the Reel-Miss Jarrell-Williams case, the case against James Perry, and cases against William Russ and Levi Mack. All of the criminal cases were disposed of by the Reel-Miss Jarrell-Williams case was tried, and indictments against Miss Jarrell and Williams being quashed, and the jury declared Reel not guilty of the charge. Levi Mack, colored, conducted his own defense, and was declared not guilty. Jim Perry was sentenced Friday to fifteen years in the penitentiary, and Williams was also given twenty years in that institution.

SKEPTICS ARE CONVINCED BY HURWITZ SHOE STORE

The skeptic who has declared that Wilmington's business heart lies entirely in that section of the city flanked by Red Cross and Castle streets on two sides and the river and Second street on the other, has been financially silenced by the success of I. M. L. Hurwitz, shoe merchants of North Fourth street.

Now the Hurwitz firm is not new, but it had its inception on North Fourth street, and has risen to prosperity in the same environment. Although away from the beaten tracks of the city's commerce, this firm has managed to do a business with standard brands of footwear and still keep away from front street.

One does not have to accept an unknown brand of boots when he calls here. Half a dozen standard lines are at his service, and at least one brand that has been nationally advertised for half a century and whose maker is known wherever an American magazine circulates occupies a prominent place in this store.

By modern business methods, the liberal use of printers' ink and conscientious treatment of customers the Messrs. Hurwitz have outstripped many of their competitors.

POLICE PENSION BILL IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Councilman James M. Hall, in charge of the department of public safety, in an interview yesterday, stated that a bill was before the general assembly authorizing the city government to provide \$2,500 a year for the pension fund of the police department.

Councilman Hall said, however, that even if the bill was not passed, that he would take the matter up with the council at the next meeting, and ask that the appropriation be made.

Councilman Hall said it was better to have a stable sum for the police pension fund, rather than to draw a fluctuating amount from the dog tax and sale of confiscated automobiles.

MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCED

The following musical program will be rendered by the choir of St. John's church on Sunday: Morning Venite... Woodward Benedicite... Kirkpatrick Offertory... Heathcote Lord's... Hamilton Evening Magnificat... Eastham Nunc Dimittis... Harris Offertory... Shelby

A. C. L. IS OPPOSED TO CHANGE OF RATES

Replies to Inquiry of Chamber Concerning Parity of Export Rates

Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company have declared themselves as opposed to any effort to cancel the parity of export rates recently granted by the south Atlantic and Gulf ports by the railroad administration and the shipping board, and later affirmed by the Federal Reserve commission. This information is contained in a letter addressed to the chamber of commerce, in connection with resolutions adopted by that body a short time ago.

James H. Cowan, secretary of the chamber of commerce, stated yesterday that the Atlantic Coast Line assured the chamber of commerce that it will insist on the free movement of traffic from territory north of the Ohio river through the south Atlantic ports on a parity with New York. He advised that he outlined this position of the Coast Line at the recent meeting of the South Atlantic States association.

INTERCOASTAL CANAL STRONGLY INDORSED

Conway Meeting Favours Completion of Project

Strong resolutions in favor of the construction of the rest of the inter-coastal canal which would bring the project, first, to the Cape Fear river, and then to Winyaw Bay and Georgetown, S. C., were adopted in Conway, S. C. Friday night, when delegates from Conway, Georgetown and Wilmington met in conference. President Herbert E. Boney, of the chamber of commerce, represented this city.

WILMINGTON BEATEN IN NEW BERN GAME

A. A. Quintette Drops Fast Game, 33 to 21

The New Bern quintet defeated the Wilmington Athletic Association "A" team last night at a fast basketball game, by a score of 33 to 21. Only three regular players were in the line-up of the Wilmington team, the other two having missed the train. New Bern showed considerable improvement in their playing last night, showing up much better than they did last week.

WILMINGTON NOT WALTER

Walter Pigford, a well-known fisherman, called at The Star office last night and said that it was not he, but his brother, William Charles Pigford, who, with Bill Piner, was arrested at a still in Brunswick county Friday afternoon. William Charles Pigford and Bill Piner were still in jail last night.

RESOLVE

Why not change that trite old saying, "Better late than never" to "Better never late," and resolve today this New Year's month, to start here with a Savings Account and let the money work safely and steadily at 4 per cent interest in this Conservative but Progressive Bank?

Say to yourself: "I have resolved to act"—and act. OLD AND STRONG The Peoples Savings Bank Corner of Front and Princess Streets

TODAY AND SUNDAY

Will Close the Meeting Conducted by REV. JAMES I. VANCE, D. D., Of Nashville, Tenn. Services for These Days Will be Held at THE VICTORIA THEATRE

1:10-1:45 Today—Subject: "THE SINNER'S LAWYER" 4 P. M. Tomorrow—Subject: "THE THING THAT CAUSES ALL THE TROUBLE"

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7:45 Tonight—Subject: "THE GOOD SHEPHERD" 7:45 Tomorrow Night—Subject: "THE HOME CALL"

SPECIAL MUSIC BY CHOR AT ALL THESE SERVICES

Everyone Cordially Invited

SCHNIBBEN FREED IN SUPERIOR COURT

Found Not Guilty of Manslaughter in Connection With Fatal Accident

The criminal term of the superior court, in session all last week, ended yesterday afternoon, when Judge E. E. Cramer adjourned the court, following the verdict of not guilty by the jury in the case against M. F. Schnibben, who was charged with manslaughter, in connection with the killing of a negro woman by the automobile he was driving near Villa View some time ago.

Solicitor Woodus Kellum, who was a member of the bar and served under Chief Charles F. Schnibben, father of the defendant, conducted the prosecution. In his speech to the jury, Solicitor Kellum said he was placed in the peculiar position of prosecuting the son of a friend, his former chief, that he was between duty and friendship, and that, without fear or favor, he was going to prosecute the defendant to the length of his ability.

On opening court yesterday morning, Judge Cramer complimented the faithfulness and efficiency of Sheriff George C. Jackson and his deputies, W. H. Howie and C. B. Holman. "I have never seen a more faithful sheriff, and in the manner in which he and his deputies performed their duties in connection with this court, was fine. The court stenographer, Norman Shepard, was efficient, and I have reminded the members of the bar that they could not go too fast for him, because he was always about 15 words ahead of them."

This is the first criminal term that Judge Cramer has conducted since his elevation to the bench, and he has made a profound impression on the members of the bar and court attendants. One officer of the court said yesterday that he had been connected with the courts of this county for over 20 years, but never in that period have I met a more capable or cleverer judge.

DECISION ON PAGEANT TO BE MADE MONDAY

Proposal to Be Definitely Decided Upon

Whether or not the Pageant of the Lower Cape Fear will be presented here during the spring as proposed, will be definitely determined tomorrow afternoon, when representatives of several organizations that favor the staging of the pageant meet in the assembly room of the chamber of commerce at 4 o'clock.

At a meeting of these representatives held ten days ago, the project was enthusiastically indorsed. However, before a definite decision as to the presentation could be made it was deemed advisable to consult with the several organizations. It is understood that the majority of the organizations have already given their stamp of approval and pledged strong support to the undertaking.

The Pageant of the Lower Cape Fear has already been written and approved by Dr. Koch, who is an authority upon such things, and with the engaging of the director, the foundation will be laid. It will then be but a matter of awakening community interest and community participation. It is planned to make the event of state-wide importance.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTISTS TO HEAR EVANGELIST

Rev. Fred N. Day to Preach Here Tonight

The Rev. Fred N. Day, of Winston-Salem, well known as stirring evangelist, will preach tonight at Southside Baptist church, according to announcement made by the Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor. The hour of the preaching is 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the discourse will be, "The Greatest Thing on Earth." The public is invited to attend.

HE WON'T DROP DEAD ANY MORE

"My husband suffered terribly from stomach and liver trouble, which caused such bloating of gas as to seriously affect his heart. Doctors warned him that he might drop dead at any time from this trouble. A friend in Cleveland advised him to take Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, and since taking it, 4 months ago, he is feeling like a young man again. All his friends are surprised at his appearance." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. R. R. Bellamy and druggists everywhere. (Adv.)

BURNS ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED

Mere Sassenach to Be Admitted as Master of Ceremonies

The anniversary of the birth of Scotland's immortal bard, Robert Burns, will be celebrated in this city Tuesday night by the members of the United Society of St. George and St. Andrew. The members of this society will assemble at 8 o'clock, at Front and Princess streets, and they will be conveyed to the Cape Fear Country club, where the celebration will be staged.

On Tuesday night, wherever Scots forget the wide world over, from China to Peru, and from the North to the South pole, there will be toasts in honor of the poet and his praises will be sung.

The society's membership is an admixture, part English and part Scotch, but Tuesday night the dour sons of the north will invite their Sassenach brethren to come along and see Scotchmen let themselves go—at the same time admitting themselves to be so deficient in "the gift o' gab" as to need the help of a mere southerner in the capacity of toastmaster of ceremonies for the occasion.

James E. W. Cook, the Sassenach in question, has proven himself so brilliant in orations of a post-prandial variety, that, despite the doubts of the Scots as to the ability of an ignorant Englishman to do justice to the memory of the immortal Robbie—whom Scotchmen say spoke a language no Sassenach ever spoke, and wouldn't if he could—they say they are willing to let Mr. Cook tell them of the glories of their own national songster.

People residing in the vicinity of the Cape Fear Country club will be relieved to know that the committee says that an effort to secure the services of a pipe band failed, so they will be spared the anguish of listening to a species of music, which, however, much it may inspire the Scot, who has been bred to it, only succeeds in drawing forth imprecations from the unfortunate individual whose ear is attuned to less warlike sounds.

A Dutch supper will be served, and following the delightful meal, there will be a number of Burns' and Burnsian speeches. The kilt will be in evidence, and the committee announces that the blanks that might be created by the absence of the pipers will be filled with some healthy Scotch lungs.

The committee states that if there are any persons who doubt that Robbie Burns could out-poet any scribe from Omar Khayyam down—or is it up?—to Rabindranath Tagore, they are invited to come out on Tuesday and have their doubts—er—dissolved. The committee of arrangements is composed of J. Alan Stewart, chairman; David H. Scott and William Grant.

S. K. HUNT TO SPEAK AT MEETING FOR BOYS

State Secretary for County Work Comes Today

A large attendance is in prospect for the boys' meeting which will be addressed at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon by S. K. Hunt, of Charlotte, county work secretary for the "Y" in the state. The meeting, to be held in the gymnasium, will begin at 4:30 o'clock. It will be the fourth of a series of five meetings arranged by the Y. M. C. A. for boys over 12 years of age. At a date not yet definitely fixed, "Sun-shiner" Hawkes, well known here from former visits, will speak to the boys.

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