



## KRAMER BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

**The Biggest Building In the City. Will Cost about \$45,000, Merchants Moving Into It.**

Kramer Brothers new building is nearing completion and its going to be a beauty too.

A large force of carpenters are now rushing the work of finishing it and it will be only a few more days before the magnificent building will be finished to the driving of the last nail and will be turned over to its owners a finished job.

It is the largest building in the city as well as the handsomest. It is 120 feet by 90 feet, three stories high and it rises considerably above the adjoining Bee Hive Building. It is modern in every respect, and nothing has been spared to make it complete in every particular. The first floor consist of six stores, four single stores and a double one. Four of these stores have already been finished and the furniture is being installed. They are handsome stores, the workmanship perfect and the finishing artistic. The tenants can boast of the fact that they have beautiful stores.

### Eureka Millinery Co

The first store will be occupied by the Eureka Millinery Company and this company is now moving into the store. The stock will be installed within a few days, when this popular company will be ready for business at its new stand, where it is better prepared to serve its patrons than ever. A large stock of spring millinery will be installed in this store in due time for the spring trade.

### Toxey and Gallop Shoe Co

The second store will be occupied by the Toxey and Gallop Shoe Company, a new company which has been recently organized of which firm Mr. C. D. Gallop of this city is a member. This company is now engaged in installing a big stock of shoes and gents furnishings. The stock will be installed in a few days, when this new firm will make its initial bow to the shop going public with a big shoe sale, the like of which has seldom been seen in this city.

The Tar Heel prophecies for this new firm a large business. Mr. C. D. Gallop, the managing member of the firm is well known in this city and needs no introduction to the shop going public.

### Rucker and Sheeley

The handsome double store will be occupied by Rucker and Sheeley one of the most popular firms in this city. They will begin at once to move their large stock of merchandise into their new quarters.

This firm is one of the best known dry goods establishments in the city and they enjoy a very large trade not only from the people of this city, but also from the people of the surrounding counties. When they are located in their new store the Tar Heel bespeaks for them an increased trade.

Tenants for the two remaining stores have not been announced yet. The Tar Heel is not informed as to whether they have been leased yet. If they have not been leased here is an excellent chance for some enterprising merchant to secure most comfortable quarters.

Work is being pushed to complete the second and third floors of this building. The second floor will contain many handsome office rooms, that have been arranged especially for the comfort and convenience of the tenants. Among the tenants of the offices, the law firm of Ward and Thompson and J. Kenyon Wilson will occupy handsome suits of rooms in the second floor.

A part of the third floor has been

## COMET'S TAIL WILL STRIKE THE EARTH MORNING OF MAY 19

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, in a letter published says that the aporous tail of Halley's comet will envelope the earth on May 19th.

For several hours, he says, we will be immersed in the gaseous caudal appendage, whose chemical constitution is still little known. The comet will pass directly between the sun and the world at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 19. At that hour the Pacific Ocean will be in full daylight while in France it will be night. Little danger need be expected, however for the tail will probably be so rarified as to be inoffensive.

## SILVER TEA A DELIGHTFUL EVENT

The Silver Tea given by the Ladies' Aid Society at the home of Mrs. T. P. Nash Tuesday evening was largely attended and voted a great success by the attendants. The home had been charmingly decorated for the occasion and it presented a scene of rare beauty. An interesting musical program was rendered and elaborate refreshments were served.

### LITTLE CHILD BURNED

The two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Carter fell into an open fire place at the home of its parents on Road street, Wednesday and was burned.

A physician was summoned to render medical aid, and upon examination the child was found to be badly burned.

Always use Scott and Twiddy's Coffee. Best value for the money.

We are still running Quaker Toasted Corn Flakes at 8 cents. Scott & Twiddy, Phone 72.

### MOTHERHOOD BY PROXY

Judge Who Decides Quadruplets Were Borrowed Hears About It

Los Angeles, Cal. That motherhood by proxy is a common feature of domestic life in Los Angeles was a statement brought out in court today, when Judge Wilbur held a lengthy inquiry into the parentage of the Wilson quadruplets. Mrs. C. E. Smith, of a maternity home, said she had found homes for 300 children. In each case the head of the household thought he was the father of the child delivered at his home.

It is a popular way of fooling the men, said Mrs. Smith, when they wanted children and the mothers do not care to take the risk of motherhood.

Judge Wilbur decided the quadruplets were not the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

leased to the J. O. U. A. M. and is being arranged to suit the comfort and convenience of this order.

This building when complete will cost some where between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The site upon which the building stands cost Kramer Bros. \$20,000 in cash. This building will not only be the handsomest building in the city; it is one of the most costly buildings.

## BOAT UPSET: 4 NEGROES DROWNED

WHILE ENROUTE TO THEIR WORK NEAR OLD TRAP LAST SATURDAY

News was received here Monday, that four negroes were drowned last Saturday near Old Trap by the capsizing of a small boat.

The negroes who were employed in a lumber woods had started for their work in a small boat. They failed to reach their destination. After some time inquiries were made and a search was begun. The boat was found overturned in the water, but the occupants could not be found. The negroes were partly drunk when they left to go to their work, and it was easily deduced that they had upset the boat and were drowned.

A searching party began to drag for them at once, but so far, the bodies have not been recovered.

### POLK MILLER COMING

Nearly every field of entertainment or of enterprise has its host of claimants for the coveted first rank; but when it comes to the delineation of that picturesque and ever amusing character, the antebellum Southern negro, Polk Miller, of Richmond, stand unique and without a rival.

Born and bred in the Old Dominion where 'possums, coons, and little niggers' abound Mr. Miller had all the opportunities offered by a typical plantation life to become familiar with every twist and turn of the black man's point of view. It was many years after he had fought his way through the Civil War before Mr. Miller attempted to put this knowledge to practical use but finally he found his way to the platform and an ever growing audience has kept him there since. The "reason why" was once tersely expressed by General Fitzhugh Lee. "He has had no predecessor," said General Lee, "has no contemporary, and will have no successor." "When Polk Miller is gone the man who can best tell of the old South will have passed away. With his one-time comrade-in-arms and lifelong friend 'Tom' Booker of Amelia County, Virginia, Mr. Miller will appear here on the 16th and the two old confederates, with banjo, song and story will furnish an evening of rare entertainment. To a Southern man no more inviting program could be offered. Not the least attractive feature of the concert is the mere personality of the two performers-Virginia gentlemen of that much written about but steadily thinning "old school."

### LAND PAID FOR WITH WHISKY

Distillers Get 100,000 Acres in Texas For 100,000 Gallons

San Antonio, Texas. James B. Aiken, of Fort North, who is in this city, said that he has just completed the sale of 100,000 acres of land in Brewster and Presidio counties for 100,000 gallons of whisky.

The land which has been purchased by distillers of Dayton, Ohio, is valued at \$1.10 an acre.

## DIAMONDS CLAIM ANOTHER SHIP

## ZELL PETITION IN N. & S. CASE DENIED

## THOMPSON CASE IN SUPREME COURT

THE FIRST CASE ON THE DOCKE AND WILL BE ARGUED NEXT WEEK

The case of State against Thompson convicted of the murder of Mrs. Seamans, a former wife of his, will be argued on appeal in the Supreme Court in Raleigh the first of next week. Thompson's case is the first one on the Supreme Court docket and will be the first one disposed of.

The readers of the Tar Heel are familiar with the tragedy which caused the conviction of Thompson of murder.

The shooting which resulted in the death of the woman occurred at the home of a friend on Roanoke Island last fall, and the trouble grew out of a dispute over Thompson's children.

### TO FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC

Waiter Wellman Said to Contemplate Trip.

Paris. It is understood here that Waiter Wellman, who sailed from New York for Europe Saturday, is arranging for a balloon flight across the Atlantic from New York to England or France, in his Arctic airship.

This, it is said, will be equipped with new propellers and engines. The shed at Gennevillieres, where the aero craft is housed, is under water.

The attempt has been set for July that month, according to the records of the past 20 years, is the most propitious for such an undertaking. Baltimore Sun.

### PUTS LOSS ON THE FARMER

Beef Trust Said To Be Making Him Suffer

Omaha, Neb. Developments in the anti-meat crusade today show that the Beef Trust is saddling on the farmer all the loss caused by the decline in the price of live stock and is doing the same thing with the loss in butter, which is controlled by the Beef Trust.

Although the price of live stock at South Omaha has dropped from day to day, the wholesale prices of fresh meats are not reduced one cent. More butter is manufactured in Omaha than any city in the world, and the output and prices are said to be under the control of the Beef Trust. When the price of butter dropped 6 cents today hurried instructions were sent to all stations to reduce the price of cream proportionately, thus saddling the entire loss on the farmer and permitting the Beef Trust to take its usual profit.

### INTERRED IN SALEM

The remains of Mrs. Adella Steger were brought here from Norfolk Tuesday and were taken to Salem Township where they were interred.

Miss Mae Wood entertained at "Bridges" charmingly Saturday morning from 10 to 1 o'clock.

Richmond, Va. Feb. Judge Wad. dill at 1 o'clock today handed down an opinion in the Norfolk and Southern litigation. He refused to allow the petitions presented, by the Zell interests to be filed. At the same time he announced that he would grant an appeal in the proceedings, if the petitioners desired it.

Counsel for the petitioners were not in court today, and therefore no information of what will be done can be obtained.

## 'TOTED' IT FROM WEEKSVILLE

The night police Wednesday morning about four o'clock picked up a negro named Copland coming in from the country with a goat on his back. The negro stated to the policeman that he had purchased the goat in Weeksville, and had brought it to this city having carried it on his back all the way. The story sounded to the police a little "fishy" so the negro was taken into custody pending an investigation. Information from Weeksville later in the day that the negro's statements were true and the negro had purchased the goat there and had "toted" it all the way to Elizabeth City, a pretty good load considering the distance.

### SERVICES AT BLACKWELL

Rev. I. N. Loftin will occupy his pulpit at the Blackwell Memorial church next Sunday at both the morning and evening services.

The subject for the morning sermon is "The Gospel According to You."

Subject for the evening sermon is "The Standard of Perfection in the Kingdom of God."

The choir will render a special program of music. The public is invited to attend both services.

### HEART SOCIAL

The Busy Bee will give a Heart Social at the First Baptist church annex, Thursday Feb. 10th at 7:30 P. M. Silver offering to be taken at the door.

The public is cordially invited to come and have a pleasant time. Refreshments will be served, also valentine will be for sale.

### ANOTHER DASH?

Washington Feb. Commander R. E. Perry, discoverer of the North Pole, has made a proposition to the National Geographic Society which, if accepted will mean that an American expedition will be on its way to discover the unconquered South Pole next fall.

### RECITAL

The Elocutionary Recital that is to be given Friday night under the direction of Mrs. Ben Brown will be one of the best entertainments of the season. The best local talent will take part and a rare treat is in store for all who attend. Tickets on sale at Scig's.

## The Schooner Frances Goes Ashore and the Entire Crew of Ten Men Lost.

Lieut. Joynes left Wednesday morning on the steamer Eagle to go to Hatteras to make investigation in the loss of the schooner Frances on the coast between Kenneket and Hatteras. The following account of the loss of the ship has been received here.

The three-masted schooner Frances Captain Coombs, from New York to Jacksonville, Fla was lost on the treacherous Hatteras coast early Tuesday morning, and her entire crew of no less than ten men are supposed to have perished in the raging sea that tore the stranded vessel to pieces before life savers from Hatteras and Big Kinnakeet Life saving stations could reach the scene.

The washing ashore of the stern of the lost schooner bearing her name furnished the only identification of the vessel.

### Escape Was Impossible

While none of the bodies of the crew have come ashore as yet the life savers report that it was well nigh impossible for any to have escaped in the furious seas. The wreck was first discovered from the Big Kinnakeet shortly after day-break Tuesday morning. The opinion of those at the scene is that the Frances struck on the shoals some time after midnight and probably just before day.

The life savers started for the scene as quickly as possible but before they could reach the vessel they saw her break to pieces and the effort of rescue was demonstrated to be hopeless. They turned back and the wreckage that soon afterwards came ashore told that the ill-fated vessel was the schooner Frances, of formerly the barkentine Frances, of Baltimore.

The lost schooner is supposed to have been proceeding light from New York to load lumber at Jacksonville. She last arrived at New York January 24th and sailed only a few days ago on her fateful voyage south.

### BIBLE TO GO UP NOW

Chicago. The price of Bibles will go up on March 1, according to an announcement today by a large Bible publishing house, which has branches in Cincinnati, Kansas City, and San Francisco.

The cause for the advance is the enforcement of the new tariff on imported leather and paper.

Bibles are now about 20 per cent higher than they have even been, said a member of the firm. The materials for the best Bibles have gone up so high in price on account of the tariff that we can not afford to sell our output at prices now listed. Baltimore Sun.

### BILL TO PLACE ALL MEAT UPON THE FREE LIST

Washington, Feb. Representative Foelker (Republican) of New York, has introduced his bill placing beef, mutton, lamb, pork and other meats on the free list of entry into this country for a period of one year from the enactment of the measure into law.

J. W. Derickson Jr., has returned from a trip to Raleigh.

Miss Iredell Kight and Mrs. Albert Sawyer of Camden were in the city Wednesday.