



PORT AIRMAILS—July 3.
Sun Rises..... 4:47 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 7:30 P. M.
Day's Length..... 14 h 43 m
High Water at Wilmington 2:15 P. M.
Low Water at Wilmington 2:28 P. M.

The Weather.
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WILMINGTON, N. C., July 3.
Meteorological data for yesterday:
Temperature: 8 a. m., 73°; 8 p. m., 78°;
maximum, 83°; minimum, 71°; mean, 77°.
Rainfall for the day, T. rainfall for the
month up to date, T.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.
The rainfall in the Wilmington district of the cotton belt for the 24 hours ended at 8 a. m. yesterday was only 2.100ths of an inch, at Newber. The maximum temperature at Wilmington was 83 degrees. Newber and Greensboro, 84; Charlotte, Weldon and Goldsboro, 83; Lumberton, 90.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
Fair; followed by showers Friday afternoon; southerly winds.

OUTLINES.

The sixth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans adjourned yesterday, after a three days' session. The parade introductory to the laying of the cornerstone of the monument to Jefferson Davis was a grand affair. 30,000 men were in line, with one hundred bands, and 200,000 or more went on the streets to witness the grand parade. After the laying of the cornerstone by the Grand Masonic Lodge of Virginia, Gen. Stephen D. Lee, the orator of the day, delivered his address. Twenty cars, containing 500,000 pounds of wool, were burned at Galveston, Texas. Gen. A. R. Lawton, of Savannah, Ga., died at Clinton Springs, N. Y., yesterday. At Cleveland, Ohio, a non-union workman shot and killed one of a gang of strikers who attacked him; the police had great difficulty in preventing him from being lynched by the mob, and finally had to call on the military for assistance and dispersed them. Large purchases of American railroad securities are being made in New York for London account. At Chicago the silver advocates are preparing for the approaching National Democratic Convention. Dr. J. J. Mott, of North Carolina, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Silver party, is present, and has sent out an invitation for a conference of representatives of every party and faction favorable to silver; opposition has developed to the election of Senator Hill for temporary chairman of the convention. New York markets: Money on call was steady at 9 3/4% per cent; last loan at 3% closing offered at 9 per cent; cotton quiet; middling gulf 7 1/8 cents; middling uplands 7 1/8 cents; Southern flour unchanged and easy; common to fair extra \$2.10 to \$2.70; good to choice \$2.70 to \$3.00; wheat—spot dull and firmer; corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2 33 1/2¢ at elevator and 34 1/2¢ at mill; spirits turpentine dull but steady at 25 1/2¢ to 26¢; rosin quiet and steady; strained common to good \$1 67 1/2 to \$1 70.

Tom Reed has retired to the woods, but he didn't take Joe Manley with him. He wouldn't pick berries in the same patch with Joe now.

A story comes from Havana that some wag buncoed Collector Ryan, of Richmond, rigged up a burly dark skinned cigar maker in costume to suit the occasion and palmed him off as Gen. Maceo.

Russell Sage, of New York, is enthusiastic over the nomination of McKinley on a gold platform. But they haven't struck him for a campaign contribution yet. When they do Russell's enthusiasm will subside.

Senator Quay has declined the tender by Mr. Hanna of the chairmanship of the Republican National Executive Committee. Mr. Hanna is running things his way, and his way isn't Quay's way. Quay likes to boss, not play second fiddle.

A young North Carolina bear on the way to New Jersey committed suicide by winding its chain around its neck and strangling to death. There are a good many things the North Carolina bear can stand, but being doomed to pass its life in New Jersey is not one of them.

The Lumberton Robesonian informs us that "Emma Thursty, the sinners, wears a handsome decoration given her by the Russian Czar as a token of his enjoyment of her music." If Emma, the singer, should see this she'd make Editor McDiarmid's life miserable for several hours at least, if she could get into his neighborhood.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

TO MAIL SUBSCRIBERS.
Twelve Months.....\$5.00
Six ".....2.50
Three ".....1.25
Two ".....1.00
One "......50

TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.
The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

Comptroller Eckels, who is now in Chicago, thinks the Southern delegates at Chicago will be open to reason, and can be won over to the gold standard. We hope Mr. Eckels does not think Southern Democratic delegates are made out of the same kind of stuff that so many Southern Republican delegates are and that they are as "open to conviction," when conviction comes in the right shape and suitable amounts.

The New York World answering the inquiry "where will gold go" in the event of the free coinage of silver, says: "It would go where it went during the war time—either abroad or into hiding, or into vaults as a commodity for speculative gambling." Isn't that precisely what gold is doing now? How, otherwise, will the World account for the repeated wiping out of the gold reserve?

When the New York Advertiser, Rep., tries to humbug the pensioner by telling him that if free silver wins the suit of clothes that he can now buy for \$12, one month's pension, will cost him twice as much, it perhaps didn't think it was putting in a pretty good look for free silver with the clothes-makers, the producers of the materials out of which clothes are made, and with nearly every one but the pensioner.

A gold standard contemporary remarks that in 1851 an ounce of gold would buy only 15.45 ounces of silver, while now it will buy 31.56 ounces. But why? In 1851 silver was as much of a money metal as gold. Put it back where it was and make it a full money metal and an ounce of gold wouldn't buy any more ounces of silver than it could then.

We would like to have some gold standard man of veracity rise and tell us how many Eastern States the Democratic party could carry on a gold standard platform, and then tell us how many Southern or Western States it could carry on the same kind of a platform, and really what business the Democratic party would have to attend to in the campaign.

The London Economist does not bank much on the St. Louis declaration for the gold standard, which it thinks a put-up job by insincere politicians, who would have proclaimed as loudly for silver if they had thought it would win. A London editor doesn't often catch on so well, and size up things American so accurately.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BASE BALL—At Hilton.
REGATTA—Carolina Yacht Club, STR. WILMINGTON—Schedule July 4th

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—Bids for erecting dwelling.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

The game of base ball at Hilton this afternoon will begin at 4 o'clock.

The Second Regiment Band will give a concert at Ocean View today.

The gun club will hold their regular shoot this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at Hilton.

Citizens complain of the filthy condition of streets near corner of Seventh and Mulberry; even dead animals lying around.

The Fifth Street Methodist Sunday school excursion to Carolina Beach yesterday was largely attended and a pleasant day was spent by all.

At a meeting of Zeb Vance Division, U. R. K. P., last evening, Sir Knight J. C. Morrison was unanimously elected captain of the division.

One of the A. C. L. conductors told the STAR reporter yesterday that he saw the negro Miller yesterday who cut the negro Guion in this city a few nights ago in Florence, S. C., making inquiry as to what train he should take to reach Rocky Mount.

Many Democrats indorse the STAR's suggestion that a grand ratification meeting be held here to indorse our National and State tickets soon after the adjournment of the Chicago convention, and that Cyclone Cyrus Watson and Thomas W. Mason be the star attractions.

No Paper Sunday.

Saturday, being the "Glorious Fourth," will be observed as a holiday by the employees of THE MORNING STAR. Consequently, we will issue no paper Sunday. Advertisers will please hand in their "copy" for Saturday's paper as early to-day as possible.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Fortunate Paraphrase, Fortunate Friendship, to People and Potentially Printed.

—Mr. Harry Smith, of Tarboro, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. R. Vanstory, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday.

—Messrs. S. E. Memory and F. T. Mills, of Whiteville, are in the city.

—Mr. Leslie Belcher, of New York, is on a visit to Mr. E. J. Powers' family.

—Miss Nan Wood, one of Winston's charming daughters, is on a visit to Miss Liza Wiggins.

—The STAR is glad to report that Master Ray Powers, son of Mr. E. J. Powers, was resting somewhat easier yesterday.

—Miss Ellen McRae, a popular young lady of Maxton, daughter of ex-Mayor McRae, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Among the Maxton ladies who came on the recent excursion were Mrs. A. J. McKinnon, Miss Annie McRae and Mrs. Murphy McNair.

—One of Wilmington's most popular visitors, Mr. F. B. Johnson, of Clinton, is on a visit to his uncle, Maj. W. A. Johnson. "Ferdie" played great ball for our boys yesterday.

—Maj. T. H. McKoy's family have moved to Masonboro for the Summer. They were accompanied by Misses Lilla Young and Sadie Hanes, who are on a visit to Miss Mary Lillington McKoy.

—Mr. W. A. Lowe added his name yesterday to the already large list of subscribers to the DAILY STAR at Maxton. He and his son, both of whom were much pleased with their stay here, returned home yesterday.

—Mr. E. D. Brown, a popular salesman of Baltimore, Md., is here on a business visit, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Gustavus Brown. They will spend the Fourth in the city, visiting friends and acquaintances.

—Misses Mamie Everett, Louise Everett, Mr. H. McLean, P. McLean, Misses Mary McLean, Katie McLean, Ella Spencer, Mary McNair, Mr. Edw. Leach, Spencer Flowers, Lyth, Ellen Lyth and Mr. J. D. Shaw, Jr., of Lumberton, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

—Messrs. A. Blue, J. C. Stuart, Wm. Jones, R. D. McRae, Laurinburg; Cass, F. Rankin, Goldsboro; A. A. Latch, Laurinburg; C. C. Clingan, N. C.; Bruce Williams, Bargar; J. S. Jordan, E. D. John, B. B. Bruden, Bennettsville; A. G. McCallan, Laurel Hill; B. B. Anderson, Fair Bluff; M. Ferguson, Southport, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

"Swallows Homeward Fly."

The excursion party that reached here Tuesday and left for their homes yesterday afternoon was one of the most welcome that has ever visited Wilmington.

It was composed of the very best class of merchants and farmers, many of them bringing their wives and children, and their stay here was productive of both pleasure and profit to our people. Although numbering only about 125 persons, their stay of a little over two days gave them ample time to dispose of their surplus cash.

In the party were many charming young ladies from Maxton, Laurinburg and other points. A *commissaire* tells the STAR they were handsome, too, and thought it would win. A London editor doesn't often catch on so well, and size up things American so accurately.

The following party was appointed on the committee: Messrs. George Harris and T. F. Bagley and Capt. Craig.

On motion, the following committee, Messrs. T. F. Bagley and Marcus Jacob, were appointed to fix a suitable sign to be erected outside the new quarters of the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting then adjourned.

I. O. O. F.
At the regular meeting of Wilmington Lodge No. 139, I. O. F., last evening, District Deputy Grand Master, L. B. Boone, assisted by Past Grand W. C. Smith, W. W. Yopp and J. T. King, installed the following officers:

Noble Grand—W. L. Jacobs.
Vice Grand—J. F. Littleton.
Secretary—J. M. McGowan.
Financial Secretary—H. W. Collins.
Treasurer—B. J. Jacobs.
Chaplain—J. H. Hopkins.
Outer Guard—T. E. Evans.
Inner Guard—W. E. Mann.
Warden—W. C. Smith.
Conductor—J. T. King.

R. S. to N. G.—W. M. Hunt.
R. S. to V. G.—F. A. Montgomery.
S. S. to V. G.—W. Bryant.
R. S. S.—E. H. Bateson.
L. S. S.—J. F. Mann.

LIST OF LETTERS
Remaining in the Wilmington Post-office July 3, 1896.

WOMEN'S LIST.
—Mrs. Allen. —Mrs. Mamie Carson. G. Miss Liddle Graham, Miss Sara Galoway. H—Miss Mary Henry L. Lenoire. M—Miss Nettie McKoy. Miss M. E. McDowell. Miss Matilda McKoy. R—Lizzie Rollins. T—Mrs. Rosie Townsend.

MEN'S LIST.
B—Vinhago Bruno. C—Mr. Caminsky. D—Geo. Davis (Greenville Sound). E—R. A. Ebert. G—Robert Green. H—Cornelius Huske. Frank Lenoire. M—R. W. Middleton. W. B. Munselwhite. R—Jobney Richard. S—E. Swain, Samuel Smith. V—N. S. Vase.

RETURNED FROM DEAD-LETTER OFFICE.
Henry Campbell, Fred Richardson.
Persons calling for above letters will please say advertiser. If not called for in 15 days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

Geo. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

One Cent a Word.
Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Local" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents. This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers, who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Proceedings of Regular Meeting—Reports of Committees—Second Meeting to Commence at Wrightsville—New Quarters for the Chamber.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday day at 12:15 p. m. in the directors room of the National Bank of Wilmington, President Jan. H. Chadbourne, Jr., presiding, and Col. John L. Cantwell secretary.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Geo. Harris reported for the special committee appointed to see about getting a suitable place for the Chamber to hold its meetings, that they could rent the hall over Mr. S. H. Fishplate's clothing store from the Harmony Circle for \$50 per annum, which would include janitor hire, the use of a hundred chairs, tables, etc.

On motion of Col. Walker Taylor, it was decided to rent the hall over Mr. S. H. Fishplate's clothing store, and to have the Chamber of Commerce meet there on the 17th inst.

Col. Taylor, for the committee on State Guard encampment, stated that he would now only make a partial report, but would make a full written report at the next meeting; that the absence of three of the regiments from the encampment at Wrightsville was not due to the regimental commanders; that they had tried to raise the money necessary but had failed. The Second regiment, which embraces six companies of from forty to fifty men each, which in all would number about 800 men, including the band and the officers, would encamp at Wrightsville on the 17th inst.

Col. Taylor then read the following letter: HEADQUARTERS SECOND REGIMENT, NORTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD, WILSON, N. C., July 1, 1896.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourne, Jr., President Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C.

DEAR SIR—Your favor of May 1st submitting proposition looking to securing the encampment of the Second Regiment, came to hand in due course, and the receipt of the same has been informally acknowledged before this. The proposition contained therein is renewed by telegram to this day received from your secretary, Col. John L. Cantwell. You will please accept my acknowledgments for the kindness shown the Chamber of Commerce in this matter, and my assurance that I deeply regret the inability of the other regiments to accept similar propositions made to them at this time. I accept your proposition for my regiment, and have named July 17th as the day in which the regiment will go into camp.

Very truly yours,
JOHN F. BRUNTON, Colonel.

On motion of Mr. Marcus Jacob, the Chamber returned thanks to the officers and directors of the Bank of Wilmington for the use of their room.

Mr. T. F. Bagley, for the Committee on Grain Elevators, said he had no further report to make, but that he was in correspondence with another firm.

The secretary read the report of the committee appointed to get up subscription to pay for two copies of the Raleigh News and Observer's trading edition. The committee stated in the report that they had been unable to raise the amount necessary; that the majority of the people who they had seen were in favor of patronizing home papers, and that the committee would recommend that the offer be declined.

On motion of Mr. D. T. Cronly, the report of the committee was adopted.

On motion of Capt. Craig, a committee of three was appointed to urge the Government to finish the work on the quarantining station at Southport. The following committee was appointed on the committee: Messrs. George Harris and T. F. Bagley and Capt. Craig.

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JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE FOUR LODGES NEXT TUESDAY EVENING.

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Committees have been appointed by the chairmen to arrange for the different ceremonies necessary for the success of the installation, and the ceremonies promise to be quite an imposing affair as well as a pleasant one.

The following is the committees appointed from the different lodges:
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Reduced Rates on the S. A. L.
The Seaboard Air Line will sell, beginning to-day, tickets over its line at reduced rates on account of the Fourth of July. Tickets limited to July 7th.

On account of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, Milwaukee, Wis., July 16th-19th, round trip tickets to that point at reduced rates. Rate from Wilmington \$3.95. Tickets on sale July 15th. Limit may be extended to August 5th provided it is deposited with the ticket agent on or before the 30th.

On account of the National Educational Association, Buffalo, N. Y., July 7th-11th, round trip tickets to that point at first class plus \$2.00; member limit for return July 8th. Tickets on sale July 6th to 5th inclusive; final limit July 15th.

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CONVENTION DATES.
Democratic National Convention, Chicago, July 7.
Populist National Convention, St. Louis, July 23.
Silver National Convention, St. Louis, July 23.
Democratic Congressional Convention 6th District—Rockingham, August 9th.

BASE BALL.

Wilmington vs. High Point—First Game of the Series—Score 2 to 2—The Second of the Three Games to be Played This Afternoon at Hilton Park.

The first game of the series with High Point played yesterday at Hilton Park, was one that abounded in brilliant plays and was characterized by good playing throughout. The game was called promptly at 4:30, with Mr. W. F. Robertson as umpire. The High Point team went in the field, while our boys took the willow. Hauser was in the box for High Point and Watson caught 'em, while Strayhorn did the honors for Wilmington and our Fritz (Zellers) did the back stopping. Nothing could be secured off Hauser's delivery in the first inning, but in the third Wilmington crossed the rubber once, but the High Point boys were not to be denied, and no they soon made a tally for themselves, the score standing one-one for two innings, and then Wilmington secured one more "peach," but High Point also climbed up one more, and that ended the run-getting of the game.

Ferdie Johnson made a pretty double play in the fourth in Furlong and Watson, bringing forth cheers from the crowd. The game up to the time it was called—the eleventh inning—was "nip and tuck," although from a disinterested standpoint we think our boys outplayed the High Point team. Hauser struck out eleven men, while Strayhorn fixed up nine in the same manner, but High Point had seven errors against them, while Wilmington got through with only three.

A very fair crowd witnessed the game although not near the crowd that the boys ought to have had, and it is to be hoped Hilton Park will be crowded when time is called on the second game this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

POPLIST PARTY.

Meeting of Executive Committee of the Third Congressional District.

The Executive Committee of the People's party of the Third Congressional district met at the B. and O. House yesterday at 1 p. m. for the purpose of reviewing the date and place for the Congressional Convention.

The committee consisted of the following members: H. E. King, of Onslow county, chairman; H. H. Perry of Craven. O. L. Ward of Duplin, O. F. Herring of Sampson, G. P. Sutton of Bladen. The other counties were represented by proxy.

The committee decided to call the convention at Clinton the third week in August, provided certain accommodations could be had. Mr. O. F. Herring was appointed a committee of one to report, and the report is favorable; the chairman is authorized to call the convention in Clinton, naming the exact date himself. If the report is not favorable, the chairman will call the convention at Warsaw, Duplin county.

A number of the counties have selected their delegates to the National Convention to be held at St. Louis, July 23, 1896, and sent in their credentials for the chairman to sign and the other counties will soon follow. Onslow and Harnett hold their primaries next Saturday, July 5th, and their county convention Monday, the 6th, to select delegates to the various conventions.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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ANTI-RUSSELL MEETING.

DELEGATES REPRESENTING FORTY COUNTIES WERE PRESENT.

All Honest and Self-Respecting Republicans Advised to Vote Against the Republican Nominee For Governor—State Executive Committee Appointed—Other Latest News.

[Star Correspondence.]
RALEIGH, N. C., July 3.

The anti-Russell mass meeting holds the boards to-day. It will meet at noon in Metropolitan Hall, Raleigh, N. C., Leak, the guiding light, calls the body to order. There are not more than two dozen delegates here this morning, though the noon trains may possibly bring in more.

Congressman Stroud told several newspaper men to-day that they could not wear the Populist badge, because their clothes were too fine. Uncle Stroud says he has nearly worn his out. He says English hasn't a badge.

The new train on the Southern, which makes the trip between Norfolk and Chatham without change, will soon extend the run, making connection with Memphis and Norfolk. The run will then be over 1,000 miles long.

The Populist Executive Committee of the Fourth Congressional district met here yesterday and apportioned the nine votes of the district in the National Convention to the various counties. The County Executive Committees will meet and elect the delegates to St. Louis. The Congressional Convention was called, but the date will be set by the county to be held.

Rev. J. O. Cunningham, D. D., has established the first home scholarship at Trinity College. It has been endowed with \$1,000. The interest of \$75 a year will pay the tuition of one young man.

[Special Star Telegram]
There were about forty delegates from a distance here attending the anti-Russell mass meeting. Rev. Leak was made chairman. He said that forty counties were represented in person and by letter. A platform denouncing Russell and advising all honest and self-respecting Republicans to vote against him was adopted. The platform declared for liberal education, free Cuba and against hushing. A resolution recommending that all local Republican vote for W. A. Guthrie in the event of his nomination for Governor was passed though not unanimously. Several delegates made speeches in opposition to the endorsement of any man. Nearly all delegates favored gold. Only one white man was present. A State executive committee was appointed. J. J. Wood, of Halifax, Second district, R. B. Russell, Sixth district, J. Reynolds, Seventh district, and J. M. Moody, Ninth district, are members.

MANY BICYCLE FAILURES.

Chief Cause the Increased Sales of Lower Priced Wheels and Price Gaining to Meet the Competition.

[N. Y. Journal.]
Bicycle failures are coming thick and fast. There have been twenty-one failures in June, and any number of accidents of wheels consigned for sale, many to anticipate expected failures. Many more failures are expected this month.

The cause of the failures is not so much that the season is drawing to a close and the wheels are falling off. Every trade has its seasons. Nor are any local conditions account for it, as failures are occurring in all parts of the country.

There has been no falling off of interest in wheeling. The main causes of failures are the cutting of prices and the increased sales of cheaper wheels. Good wheels are cheaper. The catalogue prices remain the same, but the price cutting has been going on at a tremendous rate.

One Chicago firm is in such need of ready money that it has sent a large consignment of first-class wheels to this city to be sold at auction. Yesterday they brought on the average a little over \$35.

The very best makes can be bought from 25 to 30% below their regular price. A few can be bought for less. A man who has a great many friends among the wheelmen in Brooklyn has known several who rode a wheel which has the reputation of not making discounts to any one. No one man paid \$103 for his wheel.

On Warren street a