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The Morning Star.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Friends of THE MORNING STAR will do us a favor by informing us of any failure on the part of newsdealers, or newsboys on railroad trains, to meet the public demand for copies of this paper.

OUTLINES.

A Spanish squadron, at Cadiz, is expected to sail for the Philippines by the 1st of May, with 11,000 troops. ——The battleship Alabama was launched yesterday; she can be made ready for commission in a year. ——The first regiment North Carolina volunteers, ordered to Tampa, will leave Raleigh to-day. ——Gladstone was ill last night. ——A cyclone in Texas caused loss of life and destroyed many buildings at Stanwood, Preston, and other towns. ——The battleship Oregon has completed her long journey and is now safe. ——The Charleston has started on her long voyage to Manila. ——Bismarck considers war outright. ——A hailstorm in Illinois and Wisconsin caused loss of life. ——New York markets: Money on call steady at 1@1½ per cent., with last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton was dull, middling 6 7-16c; flour was weak and lower; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 81½c; corn—spot weak, No. 2 41½c; oats was steady; strained common to fair 31@34c; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., May 18.

Temperature: 8 A. M., 71 deg.; 8 P. M. 67 deg; maximum, 76 deg.; minimum, 67 deg; mean, 72 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.31 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Kansas storm has gained considerable energy since last evening and moved northeast to central in the upper Mississippi valley, leaving a trough of low pressure southeast to Texas. Cloudy weather and rain prevails under this disturbance over all sections west of the Mississippi valley. To the eastward the weather is generally fair, except a local thunderstorm with rain falling is reported at Augusta, Ga. Light to moderate showers have also occurred during the day in the Ohio Valley and Lake sections. The pressure has fallen decidedly over all the lakes, and slightly elsewhere, with highest over the Middle Atlantic States. It is much warmer in the States of the Missouri, middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys, while elsewhere the temperature is nearly stationary.

Stages of water in the river at Fayetteville, 8 A. M., 4.7 feet.

TEMPERATURE BULLETIN.

Highest and lowest temperature during twenty-four hours ending at 8 A. M. yesterday.

	Highest	Lowest
Wilmington	76	67
Raleigh	74	66
Charleston	78	68
Augusta	76	66
Savannah	78	68
Atlanta	74	64
Blue Ridge	70	60
Asheville	74	62
Knoxville	76	64
Memphis	82	70
Nashville	78	66
Chicago	64	50
Pensacola	76	70
New Orleans	78	70
Vicksburg	80	68
Montgomery	78	68
Mobile	76	68
Galveston	76	68
Corpus Christi	78	70
Rivers	7 A. M.	7 P. M.
Davenport	8.2	8.4
Dubuque	5.2	5.2
Keokuk	8.4	8.4
La Crosse	5.4	5.4
St. Paul	2.8	2.8
Vicksburg	18.2	18.2
Nashville	4.0	3.9
Nashville	4.0	3.9

Generally light and scattered showers have occurred in nearly all districts. The weather is clear this morning, excepting in Texas, where it is cloudy. The temperature continues high.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, fair, warmer in the interior, southerly winds.

Port Almanac—May 19.

Sun Rises	4.52 A. M.
Sun Sets	7.01 P. M.
Day's Length	14 H. 09 M.
High Water at Southport	7.17 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	9.47 P. M.

There are ten thousand homing pigeons now in the service of the Government.

Keep your eye on Cienfuegos. It is likely to be pretty hot there pretty soon.

If it keeps dodging around this way we will have to call that Spanish fleet the phantom fleet.

The Cymric, which is said to be the largest freight steamer afloat, can carry 30,000 tons, enough to load 625 freight cars.

Belgium is becoming a manufacturing country. Ten years ago she exported only 4,000 tons of manufactured iron goods. In 1896 she exported 107,564 tons. Her principal trade is with the East Indies.

Georgia is rejoicing at the prospect of a good wheat crop this year. The acreage is larger than usual, and some farms have been planted to which no wheat was ever grown before.

Some of the papers are asking: "What can we do for Dewey?" At last accounts Dewey seemed pretty able to do for himself. He is just patiently waiting for those reinforcements to come along so he can walk in and take possession of Manila.

There must be something the matter with the public schools in Philadelphia, when the *Record* says that not one in ten of the graduates can read, write, speak and spell with clearness and accuracy. Too much hot-house business, probably.

THE FUSION RESOLUTIONS.

The Butler "fusion" resolutions adopted by the Populist convention at Raleigh yesterday are printed in the STAR this morning. It will be noted that the proposition is to cooperate with "*any* party or faction of a party" on the lines laid down in the resolutions. It will be understood, too, that proposition E means the retention of the present infamous election law on the statute books, although the author of the resolution was careful to leave its meaning open to various constructions. It is safe to say that when the details of the Butler plan are formulated by the conference committee provided for in the resolutions, they will not be acceptable to Democrats.

When Marion Butler and Daniel L. Russell pull together, Democrats will give them a wide berth.

Charles Boone, of Dayton, Ohio, who has recently been appointed to Annapolis as a cadet, is a boy with American push. For years he supported his mother and himself, and got an education by selling papers. He was the only boy out of fifty applicants who didn't have the recommendation of some rich man, and he was the one probably who was best entitled to recommendation.

The Emperor of Russia has an income of $25,000 a day. There isn't a crowned head over there who has an income of less than $5,000 a day, although the majority of their people are as poor as Lazarus. The President of the United States gets $130 a day and he does more hard, honest work than all of them together.

Mrs. Robley D. Evans takes a lively interest in the navy. Her husband, "Fighting Bob," commands the Iowa, her brother commands the Indiana, her son is on the Massachusetts, and her son-in-law on the New York; and she has two daughters who have volunteered and are training for nurses.

It is said that the cotton grown in Central Asia and Caucasia from American seed is quite as good as American cotton, and for this reason Russian imports of American cotton are decreasing rapidly. One fourth of the cotton now manufactured in Russia is grown in Central Asia and in Caucasia.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Banks—Notice.
Star Printer wanted.
J. L. Croom—Copartnership notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

L. Clayton Grant—Business purchased.

CLYDE STEAMSHIPS.

Croatan Kept Out All Night—Kimon Reached New York Yesterday.

The steamship *Croatan*, Capt McKee, arrived in port yesterday morning about a day behind. Head winds delayed her all day Monday and she got to Cape Fear just as the guard boats were leaving for the night. She was too late, and according to the rules in force since the entrance to the river has been mined, she could not pass up until after 4 o'clock this morning. She had on board 2,000 barrels of cement for Fort Caswell.

The *Kimon*, which was purchased by the Clyde Steamship Company, arrived in New York yesterday, having gone all the way on her own steam. She will be placed on the West Indies route, as she draws rather too much water for the Wilmington, Charleston, or Jacksonville routes.

Populists Back From Raleigh.

The Populists came back from Raleigh yesterday. One faction looked rather glum—they had failed to gain recognition in the high councils of the party. They were Chief of Police Jno. R. Melton, Sergeant R. F. Gore and Messrs. J. R. Harper, F. J. Dempsey, and James King.

The King delegation whose members were duly recognized by the Committee on Credentials at about half past twelve yesterday morning, wore becomingly triumphant appearances. They were Messrs. B. F. Keith, Judge Geo. H. Locey, Joe King, Jr., Capt. R. B. Davis and J. W. Taylor. All of them, however, did not return last night.

Grand Conclave K. of P.

Wilmington lodges Knights of Pythias have elected representatives to the Grand Conclave which meets here June 13th as follows:

Stonewall Lodge No. 1.—J. M. McGowan.
Clarendon Lodge No. 2.—J. T. King.
Germania Lodge No. 2.—S. Behrends.
Jefferson Lodge No. 61.—W. J. Woodward.

House Furnishings.

Mr. H. A. Irwin, of the firm of Irwin Bros., house furnishers, of Portsmouth, is in the city on business connected with the agency for his house which was under the management of the late W. C. Crolle. Mr Irwin will probably discontinue the agency, at least for the present. He will be in the city for the next day or two.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Democratic Congressional convention of the Third District will be held in Clinton June 30th.

— Justice Bunting yesterday fined Sarah Pugh $5 and costs. The offence was assault and battery.

— A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of a colored couple, Robt. Wade to Ella Francis Gause.

— The Democrats of the Eleventh Judicial District have re-nominated W. A. Hoke for Judge and Jas. L. Webb for Solicitor.

— The Norwegian barque *Ore*, Captain Ostensen, arrived in port yesterday from Liverpool, consigned to Paterson, Downing & Co.

— Travel on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad is beginning to pick up quite perceptibly. The people are beginning to seek the sea breezes.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

— Yesterday Belle Washington, colored, was adjudged not guilty of the charge of the larceny of clothes from Lizzie Holmes, colored, by Justice Bunting.

— Engine No. 2, the big engine on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad, is just out from a thorough overhauling and will be put on the road to-day or to-morrow.

— There will be no business transacted by the banks of the city to-morrow, the twentieth of May, the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

— Justice Bunting yesterday adjudged J. A. Odom guilty of assault and battery, and made him pay the costs. F. M. King was tried for injury to personal property, and the case was dismissed.

— A concert connected with the closing exercises Peabody colored Graded School was given in the Opera House last night. An interesting and creditably rendered programme was rendered.

— The schooner *Ann Louisa Lockwood* seems not to have been captured by the Spaniards after all, although she was reported to have been taken. The New York *Herald* shows her arrival at Philadelphia on the 16th.

— Pat Kelly, who was committed for ten days by Mayor Wright for creating a disturbance on the wharf the day the *Nantucket* sailed, has been assigned to the arduous task of washing off the walls of the city court room.

— Lizzie Crocket, colored, yesterday applied to Justice J. M. McGowan for a peace warrant against Bettie Johnson. 'Squire McGowan adjudged the prosecution malicious and dismissed the case at the prosecutor's cost.

— Cape Fear Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy will hold the last monthly meeting for this season at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the assembly room at the W. L. I. armory. It is important that there be a full attendance.

— Mr. L. Clayton Grant announces that he has bought the country produce business of Mr. R. E. Ward and will conduct it at the same stand. He will be assisted by Mr. Hiram Moore, who has had abundant experience in the business.

— Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son yesterday cleared the British steamship *Titanic* for Ghent, Belgium, with 4,400 bales of cotton, valued at $140,190. The same firm cleared the British steamship *Elloe*, light for New York. There are now no British steamships in port.

— Mr. Wm. H. Bernard, member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has been notified to attend an important meeting of the committee to be held at Raleigh at 10 o'clock A. M., May 26th, just before the assembling of the State convention.

Army Y. M. C. A. Tent.

Reference was made several days ago to a movement on foot throughout the country to open Y. M. C. A. tents in the United States army camps. A STAR representative was told yesterday by Secretary Diggs that State Secretary W. M. Lewis is inaugurating active preparations for the establishment of the work in the camp of the North Carolina troops. He has issued a call to various local associations of the State for financial aid in the movement. Secretary Diggs received a letter from him yesterday. The big tent owned by the State Association for several years past will be used for Y. M. C. A. headquarters.

Pleasure Club Excursion.

The Oriental Pleasure Club is arranging for a big excursion to Carolina Beach on Friday, June 3d. The committee of arrangements, Messrs. J. T. Cowan, L. O. Smith, Clifton Anderson and Thos. W. Mintz, with Mr. Will West, Jr., as manager, have already begun to make preparations for the day, which they say they will make most enjoyable.

From Three-fourths of An Acre.

One hundred dollars net from three-fourths of an acre isn't bad farming at all. This is what Mr. Henry Tompkins, of Scott's Hill, who was in the city yesterday, cleared from a small strawberry crop. He will most likely plant strawberries again.

On account of commencement exercises, Oak Ridge Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C., May 22nd-24th, the Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets to that point at $6.30 for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 21st to 24th, inclusive; final limit May 27th.

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

Interesting Performance—Recitations, Tableaux—A Programme Excellently Rendered and Applauded.

The entertainment at the First Baptist Church last night was greeted by a large audience, all of whom were well pleased with the very interesting performance.

The entertainment opened with a recitation by Mr. W. P. Oldham, Jr., entitled "Deacon's Courtship." This was decidedly entertaining, and Mr. Oldham's powers as a declaimer are undeniable.

A number of tableaux followed, the first of which was a "Line of Fate," showing a scene in a gypsy camp. The gypsies were Misses Ellie White, Ethel Barnes, Lillian Breckenridge, Kate Sloan, Addie Gaylord, Lillie Walker and Belle Gore, and Messrs. W. L. Williford, R. C. Sloan, C. E. Taylor, Jr., and John L. Barnes.

"A Golden Wedding," the next number on the programme, was shown by Miss Linnie Alderman and Mr. Will Struthers, who were costumed to represent an aged couple with bent forms and silver locks just celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. An old spinning wheel near by added a fine effect. This was followed by "Maud Muller," who was very beautifully represented by Miss Lucy Baldwin leaning gracefully upon the familiar hay-rake, while the meadow was sweet with hay all about her.

Miss Lillian Breckenridge and Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Jr., appeared in "Angelus" and were excellent representations of devout Catholic peasants. What the "New Woman" is like, appeared from the next tableau in which a number of young ladies and gentlemen figured. The bicycle girl was represented by Miss Linnie Alderman; the fast young lady who quaffs beer quite bravely, by Miss Annie Taylor; the girl who smokes, by Miss Nellie Platt; the female lawyer, by Miss Ethel Barnes. And an eighteen year old doll, the property of little Miss Orra Freeman Perry, must not be omitted from the list. The gentlemen who took part were Mr. H. H. Merritt, a washerwoman; Mr. Will Struthers, nurse; Mr. Jno. L. Barnes, seamstress; Mr. W. L. Williford, cook.

A recitation given at this juncture by Miss Taylor was warmly applauded. The reciter showed feeling with a rare appreciation of the spirit of the piece. It was exceedingly well done.

"Ready for the Fray," a scene in which Mr. Will Tankard as Uncle Sam stood threateningly over Mr. Julian Taylor who in a reclining posture represented the Kingdom of Spain while Miss Bessie Toler as "Liberty" looked approvingly on just suited the popular mind and received generous applause.

"A Soldiers Dream," the last of the programme, was well received. Those taking part were Master David Struthers, Mr. C. E. Taylor, Jr., Miss Nellie Platt, Miss Annie Taylor and Mr. Will Struthers. After this was exhibited the audience retired to a room down stairs where ice cream and cake were served.

For the success of the evening much credit is due Mrs. C. D. Bell and Miss Mattie Freeman, who worked untiringly. They were ably assisted by Mr. James Cowan whose services as stage director were altohether indispensable.

BOARD AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Mid-Month Meeting Last Night—Light Contract Approved—City Attorney's Bond Accepted.

A regular mid-month meeting of the city Board of Audit and Finance was held last night. Chairman H. C. McQueen and Messrs. H. A. DeCover and C. W. Yates were in attendance.

The action of the City Aldermen in accepting the bid of the Wilmington Gas Light Co. to furnish lights for the City Hall, alley lamps, etc., was approved.

The bond of C. P. Lockey, Esq., city attorney, as required for the collection of back taxes, was approved. The STAR has referred to the bond before. It is for $5,000, and Col. T. W. Strange and Mr. W. H. Chadbourn are his sureties.

Bills amounting to $960.81 for current expenses, left over from the first meeting of the month, were audited.

The Board was in session until about 9.45 o'clock.

Struck By Lightning.

During Tuesday's storm lightning struck the kitchen of Mr. Isaiah West's residence at 609 Brunswick street and set fire to it. The flame was discovered and extinguished without calling out the fire department.

The lightning was attracted by a steel chain attached to the neck of a tame squirrel and went from the chain to the cage setting it on fire. Strange to say the squirrel was not harmed.

Squire Borneman's Court.

Justice Borneman had a number of offenders before him yesterday. One of them Henry McLaurin, colored, was found guilty of disorderly conduct and let off upon the payment of costs. Another party, up for the same offence, was released with the same punishment. Wm. James, colored, charged with assault and battery, had to pay the costs also, amounting to $4.05. This case was transferred from Justice G. W. Price, colored.

— Hon. Clement Manly, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, arrived here last night, and leaves this morning for his home in Winston.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Restraining Order Against F. W. Foster and Others—Judge Allen Reserved His Decision.

A special telegram to the STAR received from Fayetteville last night at 7.43 o'clock announced that argument in the New Hanover County Commissioners' injunction case, pending before Judge O. H. Allen, had just been concluded, and the judge would reserve his decision until Saturday or Tuesday next.

The case in detail is familiar to readers of the STAR. It is a *quo warranto* proceeding against ex-Commissioners F. W. Foster, F. J. Dempsey and Jordan Nixon, instituted by Col. Roger Moore, W. F. Alexander, J. L. Boatwright, John Barry and James Cowan, for the right and title to the office of Commissioners of New Hanover county. The plaintiffs were appointed by Col. John D. Taylor, as Clerk of the Superior Court, the charge being made that the offices were, according to the recent Bladen county decision, *ipso facto* vacated, by Col. Foster and his two associate Commissioners having accepted positions as a Board of Education.

The STAR'S issue of last Sunday morning announced that notice of an injunction and restraining order had been served upon Col. Foster Saturday just before midnight, requiring him and also Dempsey and Nixon to appear before Judge Allen yesterday and show cause why the injunction should not continue to a hearing.

Yesterday John D. Bellamy, Esq., and Col. T. W. Strange went up to Fayetteville to appear as attorneys for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. M. Bellamy and E. K. Bryan for the defendants. Neither of these gentlemen have yet returned to the city.

As the matter now stands the contest will not be settled until Saturday or Tuesday.

WILMINGTON ATHLETES.

Our Boys Make Fine Records at Horner's on Field Day.

In the field day exercises at Horner's School last Monday, it was noticeable that Wilmington was well represented and that one of its athletes, of whom it is particularly proud, Mr. F. P. Turrentine, carried off the very highest honors, winning the greatest number of points—seventeen out of a possible eighteen; while Mr. E. Y. Wooten, also of Wilmington, won the next highest number of points—eleven out of a possible fifteen. Mr. Harry G. Smallbones also made a good record. Turrentine was first in football drop kick for accuracy and distance, 100 yards dash, two mile bicycle race, 220 yards foot race, running broad jump; he was second in only one contest—football kick for distance. Wooten was first in 120 yards hurdle race and running high jump (5 feet 4 inches); he was second in football drop kick for accuracy and distance and one-fourth mile foot race.

THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

Delegates Left Yesterday Over the W. & N. Railroad.

The delegates to the Episcopal Diocesan Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary, which meets with Christ Church, Newbern, to-day at 11 o'clock left yesterday over the Wilmington & Newbern railroad. Some of those who went were Bishop A. A. Watson and wife, Rev. Dr. Carmichael and wife, Rev. Dr. Robt. Strange, Rev. Edward Wooten, Col. Jno. W. Atkinson, Col. W. L. DeRosset, Mr. William Calder, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, and Mr. J. Hicks Bunting. Mr. H. G. Smallbones left last night to go by way of Goldsboro.

That "Liquid Air" Lecture.

There seems to be some doubt about the coming of Prof. Edwards from Columbian University to deliver the lecture on "Liquid Air" and kindred subjects, which was announced for about June 1st. He writes Secretary Diggs that he may not be able to preserve the liquid air so long as would be necessary to convey it from the University to Wilmington. As thi swould be the most interesting feature of the lecture Mr. Diggs thinks it probable that the lecture committee will just abandon the idea of the lecture altogether.

Cape Fear Lodge I. O. O. F.

Messrs. H. A. Tucker and Bro., have completed, with the exception of the lettering, the marble "markers" which are to be placed over the graves of the deceased members of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. There are forty of them in all, showing that a goodly number of old Cape Fear Lodge have passed over the river. Each stone will bear the name of the person whose grave it marks and the name of the lodge, together with the three links of the order.

A Tug Caught Fire.

Yesterday about 8:30 a. m. Capt. Charles Wessel's tug *Annie* was discovered to be on fire, having apparently caught about the smokestack, and was burning quite freely. The alarm was given and the flames very soon extinguished by the free use of buckets of water. The damage was very slight.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. F. K. Thompson, of Raleigh, is here.

— Mr. J. J. Dowling, of Charlotte, is in the city.

— Dr. McNeal, of Shallotte, was here yesterday.

— Mr. T. G. Wilson, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

— Mr. B. I. Brown, of Henderson, arrived in the city last night.

— Capt. R. P. Paddison, of Point Caswell, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Lizzie McMillan has returned from a trip to Sloop Point.

— Mr. W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. F. T. Mills returned yesterday from a Northern trip to buy horses.

— Mr. T. A. Hunter, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday on business.

— Miss Lucy Wootten, of this city, is visiting her uncle, Mr. R. B. Lawett in Savannah.

— Mr. E. C. McEachern has returned from Chapel Hill where he has been attending the University.

— Messrs. S. Atkinson, of Sloop Point, and W. H. King, of Hampstead, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. C. L. Parker, who is driving the artesian well at Hilton, returned yesterday from a trip to St. Augustine, Fla.

— Mr. C. S. Garrell left yesterday for Iron Hill, Columbus county, to spend a couple of weeks looking after his stores in that town.

— Mrs. S. B. Plummer, of this city, is spending a few weeks at Red Springs, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Townsend.

— Mrs. J. D. Webster and daughter, Miss Emma, will leave the city today for a protracted visit to relatives in the western part of the State.

— Miss Jessie Worth and Miss Harriet Clark, of Cresskill, New Jersey, are in the city visiting the family of Mr. B. G. Worth. Miss Worth is a granddaughter of Mr. Worth.

— Editor Abernethy of the Beaufort *Times-Herald*, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor in this (6th) Judicial District, was here yesterday and called at the STAR office.

— Miss Meta Jewett who spent the past several weeks in the city, the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Jewett, has returned to her home in Florida, much to the regret of her many friends here.

— Dr. Thomas, who is to succeed Dr. J. M. Eager at the quarantine station, has arrived. He went down to the station yesterday morning on the *Wilmington*. Dr. Eager and family will come up to-day, on their way to Galveston, where Dr. Eager will be stationed hereafter.

— Hon. A. M. Waddell and Iredell Meares, Esq., returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where they had been to argue in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals the case of Edward Pearsall et al. vs. The Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company, which was appealed from the District Court in admiralty to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

DELIGHTFUL MUSICALE.

"An Evening With Mendelsohn," by the Piano Class of the Musical Association.

"An Evening with Mendelsohn" was the title of a most delightful musicale given last night by the piano class of the Wilmington Musical Association in Prof. E. VanLaer's piano ware-room on North Fourth street. The piano class is a recently organized feature of the Musical Association. There are now about twenty-five members, all ladies.

The entertainment last evening was the first given by the class, and each member was allowed to invite only one friend to share the pleasures of the occasion. Every selection on the programme, save one, was from the pen of Mendelsohn, the renowned music composer. It is the purpose of the class to make the reading of a sketch and criticism of a composer's life and works a feature of future events of this character.

The following programme was most admirably rendered last night:

Overture, "The Hebrides;" first piano—Mrs. Haar and Mrs. Glameyer; second piano—Misses Shepherd and Stolter.

Vocal solo, "On Wings of Song," by Miss Annie Adrian.

Song without words, "Volkestied," by Miss Corbett.

Quartette, "Oh, For the Wings of a Dove;" soloist, Miss O'Connor; quartette, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Adrian, and Messrs. Schulken and A. S. Holden.

Song without words, "Duetto," by Miss Burtt.

Vocal solo, "In the Garden of Sleep" (De Lara), by Miss O'Connor.

Song without words, "Volkestied," by Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Jr.

Concerto, op. 25; first piano—Mrs. Waddell; second piano—Mrs. Schulken.

That Annual Concert.

It is very probable that the first annual concert by the Wilmington Musical Association will be given on the evening of May 30th, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Mr. Ed Munson, the able musical director, assisted by a competent committee, is preparing a programme which gives abundant promise of a rare musical treat.

"FUSION" RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted at the State Convention of the Populist Party, Held in Raleigh, N. C.

The Populist convention at Raleigh yesterday adopted the following "Fusion" resolutions by a vote of 675 to 285:

WHEREAS, the People's party was organized to remove the causes that produce hard times in the midst of plenty by overthrowing the domination of the gold ring and its allied trusts and monopolies, and by restoring our government on the great fundamental principles of good government advocated by Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln.

WHEREAS, to-day the rank and file of all parties (including a large majority of the voters of the United States) unequivocally agree with us on the great fundamental questions involved and the results for which we have constantly striven, and

WHEREAS, the only difference between this great majority of patriotic voters is as to questions of detail and method, now therefore

Resolved (1), That we most earnestly endorse the three addresses recently issued by the national chairman of the People's party, and the open letter of Hon. W. J. Bryan in the New York *Journal*, urging an honorable and harmonious co-operation of all who oppose the domination of gold and monopoly, and who favor the overthrow of the national bank and railroad influence in controlling legislation.

Resolved (2), That in the coming State election, we invite the patriotic co-operation of any party or faction of a party, who favors the above general principles and who will co-operate with us to secure the following results, viz:

1. To elect nine free silver and anti-monopoly Congressmen.

2. To elect six judges of ability and high character, and free from partisan bias.

3. To elect twelve solicitors, fearless and impartial.

4. To elect an anti-monopoly Legislature pledged to the following measures, viz:

A. A Legislature opposed to the demonetization of silver by private contract, and which will enack legislation to put a stop to the giving and taking of gold notes and mortgages.

B. A Legislature opposed to government by injunction, and which will enact sufficient legislation including a license law similar to the Wisconsin statue, to effectually prevent the removal to Federal courts all causes which should be tried in our State courts.

C. A Legislature opposed to the 99 year lease of the North Carolina Railroad, and which will use all lawful and legitimate means to set the same aside.

D. A Legislature opposed to free passes, and which will make the present law prohibiting the giving of free passes apply equally to those receiving the same.

E. A Legislature in favor of a free ballot and a fair count, and which will enact legislation guaranteeing to each political party the right of being represented on all election boards by representatives of its own selection.

F. A Legislature in favor of a system of local self government and which will enact under proper safeguards sufficient legislation to guarantee the counties the right to elect their local officials.

G. A Legislature in favor of a reduction of freight, passenger and express rates, and of telegraph and telephone tariffs to the gold standard level. That will endorse the action of Commissioner Pearson in taking a stand for such reduction, and which will favor upholding the Railroad Commission law, making the same effective according to all of its intents and purposes, and which will enact legislation providing for the election of Railroad Commissioners by the people.

H. Resolved, That this covnetion elect a conference committee, which shall be authorized to confer with any party or faction of a party, that declares its endorsements of the above principles and purposes, and that favors co-operation with the People's party, to carry the same into effect upon such basis as will maintain intact the integrity of the People's party, and as will preserve to it not less than its present representation in both State and national affairs.

THE POP. STATE CONVENTION

State Executive Committee—Gov. Russell's Administration Endorsed—Butler Happy.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—The Populist State Convention elected Cyrus Thompson chairman of the State executive committee. Schulken, Moye, Ayer, Morrison, Caldwell, Lloyd and Garrett compose the new central committee.

A resolution endorsing Governor Russell's administration passed.

The adoption of the Ayer resolution was the only action taken in reference to fusion. The Ayer resolution was amended by the adoption of Bryan's letter to the New York *Journal*, published some weeks ago.

All the Skinnerites are not pacified. Many of them expressed the opinion to-day that Democratic fusion could never result, as the Populists would refuse to enter into it. There is strong under-current against Butler.

Butler and his congressional friends returned to Washington, happy over the victory.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

The First Regiment Volunteers Ordered to Tampa—Will Leave Raleigh To-day.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—The First regiment will leave to-morrow for Tampa, Fla. The orders were given by the Secretary of War last night. The entire regiment, consisting of 932 enlisted men and fifty officers will begin to pack tents at day-break. The Southern railroad will transport the first battalion, the Coast Line the second, and the Seaboard Air Line the third.

Seventy empty passenger coaches have been brought here by the Seaboard.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Officers Elected by the Grand Chapter at Raleigh.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH N. C., May—The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, to-day elected the followingo fficers:

Grand High Priest—Martin S. Willard, of Wilmington.
Deputy Grand High Priest—W. T. Randolph, of Asheville.
Grand King—J. D. Bullock, of Wilson.
Grand Scribe—J. H. Hackburn, of Newbern.
Grand Treasurer—W. P. Simpson, of Raleigh.
Grand Secretary—H. H. Munson, of Wilmington.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. Hoffman, of Asheville.
Grand Captain of Hosts—John C. Drewery, of Raleigh.
Grand Royal Arch Captain—M. S. Noble, of Wilmington.

Past Grand High Priest E. S. Martin, of Wilmington, delivered an address on the history of Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina.

MARRIAGE IN MOCKSVILLE.

Miss Lila Bell Wedded to Maxcy L. John, Esq., of Laurinburg.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

MOCKSVILLE, N. C., May 18.

There was a pretty home wedding here this morning at 7,30 o'clock, in which Maxcy L. John, Esq., of Laurinburg, led to the altar Miss Lila Bell, of Mocksville. It was a very quiet affair, with none but the most intimate friends present, and but few of them. Miss Bell is the elder daughter of the late Dr. M. T. Bell, and granddaughter of Dr. Martin, both of whom practiced medicine here for a long time and died lamented by the community. She has graces that will win for her many strong friends in her new home, for she is not only beautiful in person but lovely in character, and gifted in all those graces that make true womanhood most glorious. Mocksville loses one of its sweetest flowers.

The visitors from a distance were F. M. Bell, Esq., of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCubbins, of Salisbury; Rev. R. B. John, of Newbern, who officiated; Dr. Peter John and Mr. James C. McEachin, of Laurinburg.

The party took the north-bound train at 8 o'clock A. M. Mr. and Mrs. John will live in Laurinburg, where Mr. John is a prominent attorney, who has frequently been mayor of his town, and has received other honors at the hands of his fellow citizens.

No mineral water in the world is superior to that of Jackson Springs for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Insomnia, Nervous Prostration, or Kidney, Bladder and Stomach troubles. Read advertisement in the STAR. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

NO BUSINESS WILL BE TRANSACTED BY the Banks of this City, Friday MAY 20th, 1898

MURCHISON & CO., Bankers.
NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington.
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.
my 19 1t

Copartnership Notice.

The copartnership heretofore existing under the style and name of J. L. Croom & Bro. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Z. Y. Croom withdrawing therefrom. The business will be continued at Nos. 10 and 12 Mulberry or Grace street by J. L. Croom & Co. All debts due the firm will be paid to me, and all debts owing paid by me. This 17th May, 1898.

my 18 3t J. L. CROOM.

Printer Wanted.

A young Printer who can handle manuscript copy, "good, bad and indifferent," is wanted to work as Two-Thirder on the STAR. Good opportunity for a young man who wishes to complete his trade. Call at or address,

THE STAR OFFICE.

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First Grand Excursion of the Season

TO CAROLINA BEACH,

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH.—Music by the Italian String Band. Refreshments will be served on boat and at pavilion by Mrs. E. Warren & Son. Hot Meals at Mrs. H. J. Kure's. Boat leaves at 9:30 A. M., 3.00 and 7.15 P. M. Last boat leaves Beach at 10.30 P. M. Committee—Hans A. Kure, S. A. Greelish and I. C. Williams. my 17 3t

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my 15 tf J. W. HARPER.