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# The Morning Star.

OLDEST DAILY NEWSPAPER  
IN THE STATE.

Col. Julian S. Carr delivered an address at the colored A. and M. College, Greensboro, N. C. The commissioners representing Great Britain, the United States and Germany, appointed to settle the Samoan trouble, arrived at Apia May 13. Two lives were lost in a lodging house fire in New York city. The Filipino peace commissioners left Manila; but are expected to return soon; in the fighting at San Fernando Wednesday fifty Filipinos were killed and many wounded; American loss, two killed and twelve wounded. The cruiser Prairie, with the North Carolina naval reserves, entered Chesapeake bay for practice with sub-calibre guns. The Inter-State Commerce Commission began hearing complaints of the Hillon Lumber Company of alleged discrimination in lumber rates from Wilmington to Northern points; hearing in the case of the Wilmington Tariff Association was concluded and June 10th set for oral arguments. A negro who attempted to assault a white woman at High Shoals, Ga., Sunday night, was tried yesterday and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. Ex-Governor Harrison Reed, of Florida, died yesterday at Jacksonville, aged 86 years. N. Y. markets: Money on call steady at 2 1/2 per cent.; cotton steady at 2 1/2 per cent.; flour is middling uplands 64c; flour is more strongly held and fairly active; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 81c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 40 1/4 @ 41c; soyabean—spot steady, No. 3, 32c; rosin steady, strained common to good 1.40; spirits turpentine steady at 41 1/4 @ 41c.

## WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
WEATHER BUREAU,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.  
Temperature: S. A. M., 53 degrees;  
S. P. M., 64 degrees; maximum, 66 degrees;  
minimum, 70 degrees; mean, 59 degrees.  
Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 4.04.  
Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at S. A. M., 6 feet.  
OCCIDENTAL REGION BULLETIN.  
Doubtless colder weather prevailed during the past 24 hours over the interior districts east of the Mississippi, with moderate showers. It was slightly warmer yesterday in the Little Rock and Memphis districts.  
Minimum temperatures reported: Greensboro, 45; Raleigh, Weldon, Goldsboro, Charlotte, 46; Florence, 48; Cheraw, Lumberton, 49; Wilmington, 50 degrees.  
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.  
WASHINGTON, May 25.—For North Carolina: Fair and warmer Friday and Saturday, fresh south to southeast winds.

## LOCAL DOTS.

### OUTLINES.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Minnie Bland to Mr. Jessie Farrow, both of Wilmington.  
—Yesterday the convict street force, in charge of special officer Williamson, was engaged in trimming the trees along the sidewalks on Princess street.  
—Things were very quiet in police and magisterial circles yesterday. There was not a case before any of the various magistrates during the day and no municipal court yesterday morning.  
—Commander James I. Metts has called a meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., to be held at the W. L. I. armory Monday night at 8 o'clock, for the consideration of important matters.  
—The "City Union of King's Daughters and Sons" will hold its annual meeting in the Anniversary Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, Saturday, May 27th, at 5 P. M. All members of the order are urgently requested to attend.  
—The negro Robert Haywood, who was suffering with delirium tremens and applied at the City Hall for protection against his imaginary foes, was released yesterday morning. He would not, however, relinquish the idea that there was a mob on the streets seeking his life.  
—Much complaint is being made by numerous citizens about vicious dogs running at large on the streets, oftentimes in droves, to the peril and discomfort of pedestrians. Mr. A. L. Davis reports that quite recently he was attacked by several dogs on a principal street and was bitten by one of them.  
—Parties in the city from the trucking held yesterday say the strawberry acreage next year will be materially decreased. Many of the farmers have ploughed up their strawberry vines and will try for a more profitable crop of some other article of truck. The shipments of huckleberries are beginning in earnest and good prices are being realized.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Opera House—Passion Play. Government—Proposals wanted. Notice—The strawberry business. Opera House—Dark Town Minstrels. Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—O. A. Betts, of Raleigh, was here yesterday.  
—Mr. O. A. Betts, of Raleigh, is a visitor in the city.  
—Mr. A. S. Slocumb, of Fayetteville, is registered at The Orton.  
—Mr. J. F. Johnson, of Burgaw, was here yesterday on business.  
—Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, was in the city on business yesterday.  
—Mr. M. W. Person, of Bennettsville, S. C., was here on business yesterday.  
—J. A. McNeill, of Shallotte, is among the wholesale purchasers in the city.  
—H. C. Bridges, of Bladenboro, was making business calls in the city yesterday.  
—Many friends of Mr. J. C. Shepard were glad to see him out yesterday after a week's illness.  
—Mr. G. W. Taylor, a leading merchant of Jacksonville, was registered at The Orton yesterday.  
—Miss Bessie Hankins and Lillie Keathly returned last night from Greensboro, where they attended the State Normal and Industrial College.  
—Mr. R. J. Lewis, the well known hotel steward and caterer, has accepted a position with the Oceanic Hotel at Carolina Beach, and will go down Monday to enter upon his duties.  
—Col. K. M. Murchison, who with Mrs. Murchison and daughter Miss Marie, sailed from New York on the steamship St. Paul, on the 17th, yesterday cabled their safe arrival at Southampton.  
—Miss Lydia Yates, Mrs. M. L. Stover and Mrs. M. G. Sanders, alumni of the State Normal School at Greensboro, returned last night from attendance upon the commencement exercises of this popular college.

## THE ORTON NEWS STAND.

Will be Opened by Mr. Gerken Next Saturday Morning.

Mr. H. J. Gerken told a STAR reporter yesterday that he expects to open his cigar and news stand in the lobby of The Orton next Saturday. The stand will be situated on the left side of the lobby as you enter the hotel and will be stocked with a complete supply of newspapers and periodicals including copies of the MORNING STAR. Of course the stock of cigars, smoking tobacco etc. will be complete in every detail, conducting on Front street, as Mr. Gerken does, the most complete smoking emporium to be found anywhere in the State.  
Tickets for Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach will be sold at the news stand for the convenience of the public. Mr. Lewis Rowell will be in charge of the stand.  
On account of the convention of King's Daughters, Southern Pines, N. C., June 1st to 3rd, the Seaboard Air Line offers round trip tickets to Southern Pines at \$6.55 for the round trip; tickets on sale May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, with final limit for return June 3rd, 1909.

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## A LARGE AUDIENCE WITNESSED PASSION PLAY.

The General Verdict That the Attraction is a Very Good One—A Matinee To-morrow.

A very large audience assembled at the Opera House last night to witness the presentation of the world famous "Passion Play," by means of the Edison cinematograph, with an explanatory lecture by Prof. Whitworth. And every one seemed to thoroughly enjoy the entertainment.

Prof. Whitworth prefaced the presentation of the pictures with a brief explanatory reference to the origin of the "Passion Play," and then just before and during each of the series of pictures he would tell pointedly the story of the various Biblical scenes. Probably the most beautiful scene presented was the temptation of Christ on the mountain top by Satan. And second to this was probably the "ascension of Christ." For terrible sublimity the scene of the crucifixion, showing the nailing of Christ upon the cross, the cruel dropping of the cross into the hole dug for its erection, the death agony, followed by the darkening of the sun, the earthquake and electric storm, was without a parallel in the whole series. It will be of interest to note that Prof. Whitworth, in the course of his lecture on the scenes presented and the origin of the wonderful "Passion Play," explained that while the miracle or passion plays which took their rise in the church representations of the early Christian era, were in vogue in Europe in the thirteenth century, they had gradually fallen in desuetude. This was the case at Ober-Ammergau, where one of the earliest of these spectacles was produced. Nearly 800 years ago a terrible pestilence devastated Europe and was particularly fatal to the inhabitants of the little village, so much so that the peasants believing that the cessation of the spectacle was in some measure responsible for this visitation, took a solemn oath to continue the celebration by commemorating the death and passion of the Lord once every ten years with a dramatic spectacle, taken part in by the entire village. Such is the origin of the "Passion Play," the last presentation of which was given at Ober-Ammergau in 1890. At the conclusion of the performance last night the announcement was made that the play will be presented again to-night, and a matinee will be given to-morrow. The prices for the performance to-night will be 25, 35 and 50 cents.

## BASE BALL GAME TO-MORROW.

O. A. N. and A. C. L. Teams Will Cross Bats at Hilton Park at Half-Past Three O'clock.

The second base ball game of the season will be played on the Hilton Park diamond to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, between the two ever popular teams, O. A. N. and A. C. L. The boys are determined to give a real live game, and are anxious that a big crowd turn out to witness the contest. It will be remembered that the game played by these two teams last Friday afternoon resulted in a victory for the A. C. L. team by a good close score of 3 to 1. Since that time two strong players have been added to the O. A. N. team and they are making all sorts of boasts that they will redeem themselves by a good safe score to-morrow. The teams are practicing faithfully and will no doubt make it real interesting for lovers of the sport who patronize them to-morrow.

## FIFTH WARD BAND EXCURSION.

About 175 People Went to Carolina Beach on the Wilmington.

The Wilmington carried about 175 people to Carolina beach on the excursion by the Fifth Ward Band. The boat left the Market street wharf for the pier at 7.30 o'clock and arrived here on the return trip at about 12.30 o'clock this morning. The band furnished good music on the boat during the trip down the river and when the excursionists reached the Beach dancing began on the public pavilion and was continued throughout the evening.

## The Dark Town Minstrels.

Mr. John W. Bloome announces that on next Monday night his "Famous Dark Town Minstrels" will appear at the Opera House in a georgian production of negro minstrelsy. He says this will positively be the last time this attraction will be seen here, as they go on the road next season for a tour of the South and West. The programme Monday night will comprise many of the latest and most up-to-date songs, jokes and dances. There will be a scientific boxing match between Pat Waddell and Willie Mitchell. The show will conclude with a grand cake-walk. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, will prevail. Seats are on sale at Gerken's.

## At The Y. M. C. A.

To-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock Misses Annie Ulrich and Fannie Corbett will give a free exhibition in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, demonstrating the Fletcher Musical Kindergarten System, so successfully taught by them. All who are interested in the advancement of music are cordially invited to attend.

## THE SACRED CONCERT.

FIFTH STREET CHURCH.

Excellent Programme for To-night—Concluding Feature Mozart's "Gloria" by Full Chorus and Orchestra.

The sacred concert in the Fifth Street M. E. Church to night will double attract a large audience. The rehearsals have been highly satisfactory, and there is every assurance that the concert will be one of the most successful and thoroughly enjoyable ever held in the city, both from musical and financial view points. The proceeds, it will be remembered, will be devoted to the liquidation of the church debt.

The STAR several days ago published the names of the participants, comprising more than a half hundred of the very best musicians, vocal and instrumental that the city affords. Notable features of the programme will be trios, anthems, quartets and solos by such vocalists as Mrs. W. L. Latta, Miss Ada Cooper, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. F. A. Muse, Mrs. John Frank, Mr. C. H. Cooper, Mr. A. S. Holden, Mr. C. H. Robinson, Jr., Mr. H. K. Holden, Mr. R. C. Banks and others of equal well established reputation as vocalists. There will also be an organ solo, march and chorus, from "Tannhauser," by Miss Elizabeth D. Burt. The closing feature of the concert will be the rendition of Mozart's "Gloria," from the "Twelfth Mass," by a full chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Charles McMillen. The exercises will begin promptly at 8.30 o'clock.

## WILL INVESTIGATE MURDER.

Coroner's Jury Will Inquire This Morning Into Circumstances of the Killing of the Old Soldier Hughes.

This morning at 11 o'clock, in the grand jury room at the court house, Coroner Price will empanel a jury to investigate the circumstances of the killing of the old soldier Hughes, whose death at the City Hospital as a result of wounds received from unknown parties, was noted in yesterday's STAR.

Soon after the murderous assault upon the inoffensive old man was discovered Constable Sheehan and Deputy Sheriff Flynn and Terry went to work on the case, and as a result three negroes—Jim Venev, Son Jones and Jno. H. Hill—are now in jail charged with implication in the shocking crime which sent the old man to his grave.

These gentlemen have been very cautious in making the arrests and are very reticent in the matter of disclosing just how much evidence they have procured against the negroes. The negroes will be given an opportunity this morning of coming before the Coroner's jury and making a statement, and it is thought that evidence will develop that will fix conclusively the crime on the guilty party or parties.

## BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—8 casks spirits turpentine, 2 barrels crude turpentine.  
W. C. & A. Railroad—50 casks spirits turpentine, 128 barrels rosin, 47 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.  
A. & Y. Railroad—4 casks spirits turpentine, 2 barrels rosin, 10 barrels tar.  
C. C. Railroad—35 casks spirits turpentine, 125 barrels rosin, 21 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.  
Sleeper Driver—9 casks spirits turpentine, 121 barrels rosin, 36 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.  
Steamer W. T. Daggett—13 casks spirits turpentine, 67 barrels rosin, 1 barrel tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.  
Schooner Maggie—8 bales cotton, 112 barrels rosin, 125 barrels tar, 117 barrels; crude turpentine, 75 barrels.

## Bold Sneak Thief.

A sneak thief went into the front hall at the residence of Mr. J. A. White, No. 206 North Sixth street, yesterday about 11 o'clock. He stole an umbrella from the rack and was slipping away with it when discovered by Mrs. White, who ran after him for about a half square. The fellow dropped the umbrella in his eagerness to make his escape. Mrs. White says the thief was a full grown negro man and that she could easily identify him. The matter has been reported to the police.

## Grace Epworth League.

As announced, the regular meeting of Grace Epworth League was held in the lecture room of Grace Methodist Church last night, the president, Mr. Jno. Frank, presiding. The most pleasing feature of the evening's meeting was the reading of an interesting paper, "Way Down South in Dixie," one of the graduating essays at the State Normal and Industrial College, by Miss Mamie Alderman.

## 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 help will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

## NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Jim-Crow Cars Running on Local Trains of the Southern Railroad.

## CORPORATION COMMISSION.

Commencement at Peace Institute—Wake Forest College—State Guard—Reward for Arrest of a Murderer. The Federal Court.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

RALEIGH, N. C., May 25. The annual commencement concert was given at Peace Institute to-night. To-morrow the literary address will be delivered by Col. Julian S. Carr, and the graduating exercises will be held.

Wake Forest College trustees are discussing the advisability of reducing the tuition fee from \$30 a term to \$10. In case this is done, all students, ministers as well as others, will be required to pay. Such a system, it is said, bring into the college as much revenue as it gets now from tuition fees.

A reward of \$300 is offered by the State for the arrest of Ed Lowery, who killed Tucker Dial, in Burnt Swamp township, Robeson county, on May 5.

All the companies of the recently mustered out First North Carolina regiment are reorganizing for the purpose of forming the First regiment North Carolina State Guard. It is expected that two to three weeks the reorganization will be completed. Col. Armfield will command the regiment.

Cold Weather Hurts Cotton. The cold weather is beginning to hurt cotton, and unless it becomes warmer soon great damage will be done.

The sale of fertilizer tag tags shows a falling off this season of 10 per cent. This is due partially to the backward season, and principally to decrease of cotton acreage.

Jeff Lee and Jennie Lee, of Wilson, filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy under the new bankruptcy law.

Major Davis, the United States army officer here, expects to be relieved from duty here on June 1 and sent to Porto Rico. Lieut. Douglas Settle will take his place as recruiting officer.

At the Federal Court docket there are many trivial cases that Judge Purnell says the commissioners ought never to have sent up. The grand jury is finding true bills in only about three cases out of ten. It is evident that somebody has been too diligent after fees.

## Penitentiary Directors.

The penitentiary directors have decided to buy the shirt factory established a year ago at the penitentiary by a New York man. The price to be paid is \$5,000. The machinery is inventoried at \$4,800. The contract for labor made by the Fusion directors with the owner of this factory was a ruinous one to the penitentiary and had two more years to run. To break it meant a \$30,000 damage suit in the Federal Court, so the directors bought it. They believe it can be run profitably.

Jim-Crow cars are already being run on the local trains of the Southern Railroad. The law does not go into effect, though, until June 1st.

The Corporation Commission was in session all day yesterday and again today, but nothing of a public nature was done. The commissioners are preparing for the annual assessment of railroad property for taxation. This assessment will be made in June.

## Prisoners Escape.

Two Federal convicts—McLaughlin, from Georgia, and Allen, from Alabama—escaped yesterday. They were working at the brick yard. Allen was afterwards caught with bloodhounds, but McLaughlin is still at large. They were in for four years each.

Governor and Mrs. Russell left this morning for Wilmington. State Treasurer Worth has sent out to the sheriff a circular letter calling attention to the fact that Section 62, Revenue Act of 1899, levies a 2 per cent. tax on the gross receipts of all express, telegraph and telephone companies or lines doing business in this State.

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

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### The Strawberry Business.

DEAR SIR—I trust you will grant me space in your column to state some facts in regard to the Strawberry business. I have had a suggestion for the consideration of the berry growers. My offer has been short but convincing, and I feel confident that unless the growers have a better offer, they will accept the one I have made. I am a C. O. L. member and hold membership at every shipping station in the State. I am willing to give lower rates to Northern markets, or else voluntarily do what the transportation companies will eventually drive them to do—out of the business.

Now as to some of the facts connected with the movement of this Spring's crop. I know there is a large number of shippers who will testify that late delivery, after markets had closed, was the cause of unprofitable prices. I have been informed by my commission merchants on several occasions that my fruit by express was sold at a price 10 to 15 per cent. lower than that which it would have realized had it been delivered Saturday evening after the commission houses had closed, and had to be carried over until Monday, and then sold at a price 10 to 15 per cent. lower than that which it would have realized had it been delivered Saturday evening.

I have suggested that the berry growers around Norfolk, Va., send their berries to New York and Philadelphia for 10 per cent. per box for the so-called Express Service, and \$1.00 for express.

Now if this condition of affairs is to continue, the berry growers will be forced to abandon the business, and resort to some other means of supporting their families.

Now let us turn to the last acre of berries and the last acre of everything else that we are dependent on the R. R. to haul, unless we can get better rates and prompt delivery.

BURMAN, N. C., MAY 25, 1899.

## Opera House, TO-NIGHT.

Presentation of the World Famed

## PASSION PLAY.

Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents. Seats at Gerken's.

## Special Matinee

To-morrow afternoon.

my 21 1/2

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FOR work in the First Degree will be held this Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Brother A. M. POISSON, Secretary.

## OPERA HOUSE.

Monday Night, May 26th. Home's Famous Dark Town Minstrels, in a Grand and Complete Production of the Time Negro Minstrelsy. Prices, 10, 20, 30c. Seats on sale at Gerken's Saturday.

\$5.00 in cash to be given away that night.

## Printers WANTED.

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At the STAR OFFICE.

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Springfield Hams

Cheaper than anywhere in the State

Why do you buy that doubt ul BUTTER

When you can get my Fox River Clover Hill brand for

25c?

"Nuff Said."

S. W. SANDERS.

BARAGANS: "THERE ARE OTHERS."

## SACRED CONCERT

Fifth Street M. E. Church, South.

Benefit of the Church Debt.

By U. L. S. No. 47, J. W. Fleet Chairman.

Admission 25 cents. Tickets on sale at C. W. Yates & Co., R. C. DeKosser's, A. J. Howell, Jr. and H. J. Gerken's.

my 14 1/2

## GEORGE HONNET, Jr., OPTICIAN.

Office at George Honnet's JEWELRY STORE, No. 12 North Front St.

NO CHARGE FOR EXAMINATION.

my 25 1/2

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Capital \$200,000.

Our Business Keeps on Growing.

But We are Prepared for All That Comes.

WILL SERVE YOU

Promptly, Accurately, Safely.

We buy and sell Foreign Exchange, and furnish Letters of Credit available all over the world.

H. C. MOQUEN, President.

J. V. GRANGER, Cashier.

my 29 1/2

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FASHIONABLE FABRICS

and Trimmings.

my 14 1/2

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF

NATIVE HOSPITAL SERVICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., May 24, 1899. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until noon of Tuesday, June 6, 1899, to furnish maintenance and other supplies including fuel, gas, electric light, water and telephone service for use of the Marine Hospital Service at Wilmington, N. C., during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900. Schedule and further information may be obtained upon application to the undersigned. C. P. WEBB, ENCLERK, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. N., in command of Station.

## A TIP...

my 21 1/2

Now is the time to

Deposit in the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.

Money deposited on or before May 1st will begin to bear interest from that date at

Rate of 4 Per Cent. Per Annum.

Call at the Bank for regulations.

my 29 1/2

## The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front Street.

## Summer Goods Are All In

Mattings! Mattings!

Heavy Seaming China Mattings 10c and upwards. Over 25 styles to select from.

Cotton Warp Mattings, all new patterns, 15c and upwards.

Window Shades, 8 feet long, 3 feet wide, in all leading colors, at 50c each; 7 feet long at 35c. Special attention paid to shades made to order. Largest assortment in the State to select from.

Hammocks! Hammocks! Twenty styles to select from. Prices \$1.50 to \$2.50 each.

Linen and Floor Oil Cloths in all widths, beautiful colorings. Prices 25c to \$1.00 per yard. Write us for samples. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## Bathing Suits!

We have just received our new line of Gent's, Ladies' and Children's Bathing Suits. No old stock to sell, but all new goods. Prices range from 50c to \$2.00.

Japanese Furriers sold in pairs or single. Prices \$1.25 and \$1.50 each. Just the thing for Summer weather and beach cottages.

## Special this week.

We have just opened a lot of 500 Parasols, 28 inches, which we will sell at \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 and \$1.75. These are worth almost double the prices asked. Select one before they are all sold.

my 14 1/2

## Sole agents for W. B. Corsets and Standard Patterns.

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Hardware for Seashore Cottages.

Wire Screen Doors and Windows.

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