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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Both houses of Congress assembled at noon; in the Senate the proceedings were short, adjournment for the day taking place after announcement of the death of Vice President Hobart; in the House, Richardson of Iowa was elected Speaker, and the Reed rules for the government of the body were adopted; upon objection Representative Roberts of Utah was not sworn in and a committee was appointed to investigate charges made against him by Representative Taylor of Ohio. —— The main charge against Roberts, the Utah representative, is that he is not a citizen of the United States. —— The Erne and O'Brien fight at Coney Island was declared a draw at the end of the 25th round. —— Baptist Ministers' Association of Georgia by resolution ask Georgia's representatives in Congress to oppose the seating of Roberts of Utah. —— The U. S. Supreme Court decided against the constitutionality of the combination of pipe manufacturers. —— New York markets: Money on call strong at 6@12 per cent, last loan offered at 12 per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 7¾c.; the flour market was at first dull and easy, but on the late option in wheat buyers appeared ready to pay old asking prices and a fair business transpired; wheat—spot firmer; No 2 red 73c.; corn—spot steady; No. 2, 40c.; rosin steady; strained common to good $1 35@1 40; spirits turpentine steady at 51@51½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 4.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 44 degrees; 8 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .06

State of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 7 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh winds, mostly northerly.

Port Almanac - Dec. 5.

Sun Rises	6 59 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 43 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H 44 M.
High Water at Southport	9.34 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	1.04 A. M.

A contemporary asks "Are leaders born or made?" Some of them are born, but the newspapers are responsible for a good many of them.

It cost "Golden Rule" Jones, of Ohio, $7,501.55 to see how far he would run behind the other fellows, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that most of the money was contributed by other folks.

Some footpads are more considerate than others. A couple of them mauldagged a wayfarer in Minneapolis the other night, robbed him, carried him to a lodging house, put him to bed and paid his lodging.

Chicago has an aristocratic highwayman who scorns to be called a footpad. He carries on business in a buggy, and is making a success of it so far, having gone through a number of people without the police getting on to him.

The record of the Life-Saving Service for the year closing June 30th last, was 3,847 persons and $6,000,000 worth of property saved. There are heroes in that service, but who ever hears of them, and how little reward they receive.

Taking the cue from the milk combines in Northern cities the milkmen in Atlanta have pooled their issues and raised the price 50 per cent. They say they had to either raise the price or adulterate. They will continue to adulterate, as usual.

Off For Conference.

A number of Methodist ministers from this city and neighboring places, left last night for Washington, N. C., to attend the North Carolina Conference, M. E Church, which convenes there to morrow and will sit till next Sunday.

Among the conference goers was the Rev. A. S. Barnes, pastor of Market Street M. E. Church, and his wife. Mr. Barnes, who has closed his second year at the Market Street Church goes up to Conference with a fine report. All the conference assessments and the pastor's salary have been paid in full, and the debt for the handsome parsonage on Ninth and Market streets, has been reduced by $900. The membership of the church is also in good condition.

Among those who went to conference last night was the Rev. A. R. Raven, pastor of Scott's Hill Circuit. Presiding Elder R. F. Bumpass, the Rev. A. P. Tyre, pastor of Grace Church, the Rev. John A. Hall pastor of Fifth Street Church, and the Rev. R. B. Culbreth, pastor of Bladen Street Church, will go to Washington to night.

—The Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, left yesterday for Asheville to attend the State Baptist Association.

N. C. CONFERENCE INVITED TO MEET HERE.

The Board of Stewards of Grace Church Unanimously Extends Invitation—Financial Report for Grace.

At a meeting of the board of stewards of Grace M. E. church last night at the parsonage, on Third and Walnut streets, the work of the conference year was gone over. The financial statement shows that the church has exceeded all records n its history.

The board unanimously adopted a resolution inviting the North Carolina Conference to hold its session in 1900 in this city at Grace church. The Rev. A. P. Tyer, the pastor, who leaves to-night to attend the Conference at Washington, N. C., was instructed to present the invitation to Conference to hold its next session here.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The schooner *D. J. Sawyer*, Capt Kelley, lumber laden for Barbados, sailed yesterday.

— Sergeant Albert Brown, of Fort Caswell, came up yesterday and left last night for Delaware City, Del.

— Wrapping papers have advanced in price, but old newspapers may be had at the STAR office at lower prices than ever before.

— Justice Bornemann yesterday received bond from Thos. Williams, colored, in the sum of $100 justified, and he was released from prison.

— The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Produce Exchange will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the rooms of the Exchange.

— The Young Peoples' Organ Fund Society of Grace M. E. Church will meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night at the residence of Mrs. John F. Garrell, on Third and Walnut streets.

— The Superintendent of Health yesterday received seven bids for the exclusive city scavenger privilege for which proposals were dvertised Sunday. Bids close to day at noon.

— The Clyde steamship *Oneida*, Capt. Staples, arrived yesterday from New York via Norfolk with Wilmington freight from aboard the disabled steamship *Richmond*, which put in at Norfolk last week. The *Saginaw* is expected in port to day.

— The regular prayer meeting at Grace M. E. Church will be held tomorrow ight. By request of the pastor, the Rev. A. P. Tyer, who will be absent at nding Conference at Washington. N. C., the Conference will be the special subject of prayer.

— Mr. O. M. Fillyaw, one of "Brooklyn's" representative citizens, has been appointed by Col. John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, to be a magistrate, instead of Tony Swain, who was recently sent to the penitentiary for house-breaking.

— The steamer *Driver* arrived from Fayetteville yesterday morning and returned late in the afternoon. The *Seabright* came up from Littl River, S. C., last night. The *Hawes* and *Hurt* are expected in port to dav from Clear Run and Fayetteville, respectively.

— Attention is directed this morning to the seasonable announcement of Messrs. J. B. & J. C. King, the up-to-date Market street grocers. Their large store rooms are stocked with the freshest and nicest of family groceries and courteous and gentlemanly treatment is one of the things that contribute to make trading easy at this store. Call Bell 'Phone 365.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. Parker—Fine goods.
J. T. Burke—Holiday gifts.
S. & B. Solomon—Proud feet.
J. B. & J. C. King—Specialties.
S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Lady's gold watch.
John J. Kelly—Crockery.

Brought Down a Buck.

Col. Kenneth M Murchison and Mr. John Kenneth Williams, with horn and hound and gun, penetrated the wilds of Orton plantation yesterday in quest of game. An "antlered monarch," kommonly kalled a "buck," rewarded the efforts of the sturdy hunters. Whether he fell a victim to the deadly aim of Kenneth M. or John Kenneth has not transpired, the cablegram containing this important information having probably been "delayed in transmission." Parenthetically the field editor of the STAR would remark that neither hair, hide, hoofs, horn nor flesh of that deer has been received at this wigwam.

Struck With a Stone.

Roy LeGwin, the twelve-year old son of Mr. J. J. LeGwin, on Fifth near Church street, sustained a serious accident yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock. A negro boy threw a stone striking him on the head, making an ugly wound Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy was summoned and stitched up the wound. The colored boy who threw the stone is not known but efforts are being made to capture him.

Put in for Harbor.

A special from Southport to the STAR says:

The trim yawl-rigged auxiliary yacht *Cero*, of the New York Yacht Club, arrived for harbor Sunday. She left New York November 6th, and is bound on a Winter cruise to Miami and Key West, and will proceed as soon as the high westerly winds moderate.

A LENGTHY SESSION.

The Board of Aldermen Held Their December Meeting Last Night.

MANY MATTERS CONSIDERED.

But Mostly of a Routine or Uninteresting Nature—Sewerage System Wanted. Lighting Contract Again—Patrol Wagon at Last.

Nothing of special interest to the public came up at last night's meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which was called to order at 8 o'clock in regular monthly session in the City Court room. Mayor Waddell presided and all members were present except Alderman West.

Reports of committees were called for and under head of the Market Committee, Alderman Montgomery suggested some improvements to Front street Market House. It was referred back to the committee.

Alderman Springer, of the Lights Committee, said that at the request of the Mayor he had consented to remain on the committee until the Mayor saw fit to relieve him. A discussion of the lighting contract then ensued. Alderman Springer said that he had from the committee only to report that judging by reports of policemen and no complaints coming in from citizens, that the lights were materially improved. Mr. Skelding, he said, had been out of town, that he had not yet been able to make the test asked for at the last meeting as to whether or not the Street Railway Company was living up to its contract for the city's lighting.

Alderman Parker said that he had inquired from citizens in regard to the light service during the last month and the reports he received were to the effect that the lights were better. In view of these facts, he moved that the bills held up by order of the board be approved and paid. The motion was seconded by Alderman Spencer.

Alderman Taylor said that it would be unfortunate to pay the bills after holding them up, at least until the board had some positive evidence that the company was fulfilling the contract.

The matter was further discussed at some length, and Alderman Worth offered a substitute that the present instructions to the committee be continued, and that they be requested not to delay the matter any longer than necessary. The substitute was carried.

Alderman Woollard advocated the employment of an electrical expert to assist the committee in making its investigation touching this matter. No action was taken upon this suggestion.

Alderman Hanby, of the Public Building Committee, reported the improvements to the various fire engine houses and opera house, as noted from time to time in the STAR. He also stated that he was receiving bids for the building of a portico for the opera house.

In this connection Alderman Taylor suggested the practicability of advertising for bids for rental of the opera house, the lease on which expires January 1st, 1900. The chairman of the Public Building Committee was ordered to make the necessary advertisement.

A lengthy discussion followed the consideration of the report of the Sanitary Committee. Alderman MacRae referred to the resignation of Mr. Slocomb, the contractor for the city scavenger work, and the new ordinance governing this matter was fully discussed. It was the idea of the promoters of the new ordinance to let the contract for the eight scavenger districts of the city to as many contractors, it being assigned as the cause of Mr. Slocomb's failure the fact that the territory is too large to be successfully controlled by one man. No definite action of public interest was taken, as bids are now being received from new contractors for this privilege.

Mayor Waddell, in this connection, called attention to the pressing need of a thorough system of sewerage and stated that he desired to press the question and hoped that the board would take some action looking to this end.

Alderman MacRae after some discussion moved that the chairman of the Finance Committee be requested to ascertain if arrangements can be made with some corporation to put in a system of sewerage and rent the same to the city until it can be purchased.

Tax on $5,000 erroneously listed by the Johnson Dry Goods Co., was abated.

Brook G. Empie, Esq., presented a petition from a number of Fifth Ward residents asking that country and huckster carts be allowed stand at corner of Seventh and Castle streets under same conditions as Front street Market house. No action was taken.

Alderman MacRae spoke of the Princess street paving and referred complimentary to the use of vitrified brick. He further reported that he was told by a property owner along this thoroughfare that the people are responding favorably to the idea of paying a part of the expenses in accordance with the recent resolution of the Board. The county he thought would allow an amount sufficient to meet the expenses of paving the street bordering along its property in the proportion provided for in the resolution. He stated that the Streets and Wharves Committee were further considering the matter of purchase of road machinery and that he had assurances that the Board of Audit and Finance would allow an appropriation for this purpose.

Alderman Woolard made a motion, which prevailed, that the Superintendent of Streets be required to make a monthly report of the progress of his work to the board.

It was ordered that the pay of Mr. D. Sheehan as a member of the street force, be continued until Saturday night next, and that after that time he receive half pay until January 1st, 1900.

Alderman Taylor reported the completion of the hose wagons for the fire department. He also reported that he had let the contract for the new wire for the fire alarm system to A. J. Howell, Jr., of Wilmington, at $37.83 per mile. He also referred to the need of the fire alarm tower and gave the status of the question.

The Mayor stated that the city was now without a patrol service. The Board of Audit and Finance had refused an appropriation for a patrol wagon on the ground that the city had already a contract with Messrs. S. P. Cowan & Co., which was cheaper. The Mayor further stated that the bills of Messrs. Cowan & Co., were now disapproved and the police department was without a patrol service.

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor, $250 was appropriated for the purchase of a patrol wagon, horse and harness, subject of course, to the concurrence of the Board of Audit and Finance.

Alderman Hanby reported having formally received the pest houses recently constructed by contractor Thad F. Tyler on the lot donated by the county to the northeast of the city. They are five in number and the lot (four acres) is enclosed by a neat and substantial fence.

The Superintendent of Health was empowered to appoint substitute health inspectors in case of sickness.

The reports of the chiefs of the various departments were deferred for consideration until a subsequent meeting.

The board adjourned at 12 o'clock subject to call of the Mayor.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING CO.

Had Formal Opening of Their Magnificent New Establishment Yesterday—Many Visitors Were Present.

The formal opening of the magnificent establishment of the Fishblate Clothing Company in the New Masonic Temple yesterday was attended with a measure of success worthy of the enterprise and progressiveness which necessarily had to enter into combination to form an institution of this kind—metripolitan in its character and elegant in its every appointment.

During the day, from the time the store doors were thrown open in the early morning until 9 o'clock last night, over one thousand visitors poured into the store either to make purchases or to take a look at Mr. Fishblate's handsome business apartments, which possess an attractiveness that the pedestrian cannot resist when passing that way, and which, as a visitor remarked yesterday, "Have no equal in the Carolinas."

The store has a solid glass front, the show windows alone being of heavy plate glass eight by nine feet in size, and the whole lighted with many bright little incandescents and a large improved arc light, which hangs just over the door.

Inside the store the visitor finds everything new. To the left upon entering there are long "silent salesman" show cases, filled with new and stylish furnishings, and upon the right is found a pretty hat case filled with the latest shapes and styles in fashionable men's headgear for which the Fishblate Clothing Company is justly famous.

In front there are long counters of native woods prettily finished in hard oil and almost groaning under their weight of men's and boy's clothing picked especially from the great markets North for the Fall and Winter business at this mammoth emporium of bargains. The aisles are handsomely furnished with velvet carpet of pretty design.

In the rear of the store to an "L" at the right are three apartments neatly partitioned for office, tailoring department and dressing room. Next in the rear in the centre of the room and slightly elevated, is the children's department, furnished with easy chairs for parents making purchases of clothing for "the boys" and other furniture for the neat display of suits and for the comfort of buyers. The floor is covered with a pretty and costly velvet carpet.

The entire store, which is a credit to the city, is brilliantly lighted with four large arc lights, and the building at night presents a scene of brilliancy and splendor excelled by no salesroom in Wilmington.

At the opening yesterday each visitor was given as a souvenir of the occasion a handsome gold scarf pin or a morrocco diary, bearing the inscription: "1900. Compliments of the Fishblate Clothing Company."

The opening was indeed a brilliant success, and has been eclipsed by no similar event in the history of the city.

Knights of Pythias.

Stonewall Lodge No. 1, K. of P., at its meeting last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

C. C.—J. D. Kelly.
V. C.—J. O. Wiggs.
Prelate—W. C. Smith.
M. of W.—J. J. Hopkins.
K. of R. and S.—N. G. Robertson.
M. of F.—L. F. Barnes.
M. of E.—H. J. Beirman.
M. at A.—W. S. Wishart.
I. G.—W. L. Jacobi.
O. G.—J. M. Holmes.

DECEMBER MEETINGS HELD YESTERDAY.

Board of County Commissioners Reorganized for the Fiscal Year—Many Routine Matters Were Considered.

The last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the fiscal year ending December 1st, was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, all members being present.

Business transacted at the afternoon session was for the most part routine in its character and a recess was taken until 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The reorganization of the old board was held at 3 o'clock and Col. Roger Moore was re elected chairman.

At the meeting of the old board the following persons were exempted from poll tax on account of physical disabilities: Judson Gurganus, Charles Craig, W. H. Davis and Albert Jones, colored. Exemption was refused to Wm. Nixon.

An application from Mr. Edward Broadus to have error in valuation of his property in block 106 corrected and those of Messrs. J. C. Collins and F. S. Thomas for relief from poll tax on grounds of non-residency, were referred to the county attorney.

Dr. W. D. McMillan, the county physician, reported having treated 139 patients in the office and having made 53 professional visits to 36 patients. The County Home was reported in good sanitary condition, no acute cases of sickness having occurred in three months. The jail was reported to be remarkably clean after its former crowded condition. The superintendent did not receive a professional call from the jail during the month, which shows care and a good sanitary condition.

Chairman Moore reported that $16,500 in notes due the Wilmington National Bank had been paid December 1st, and the notes duly cancelled.

Poll tax of Daniel Nixon was ordered refunded on account of overage.

At the meeting of the new board the hearing of the regular monthly reports was the chief matter to engage the members.

Register of Deeds Biddle reported having paid into the treasury $23.75, revenue from twenty five marriage licenses less commission.

Col. Jno. D. Taylor tendered his bond for renewal as Clerk of the Superior Court in the sum of $10,000, with Messrs. B. F. Hall, James Sprunt and J. C. Stevenson as sureties. The clerk was ordered to notify all other persons concerned that their official bonds must be received and presented at a called meeting of the board to be held Friday, December 15.

Three names were dropped from the out-door poor list.

Col. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court, submitted his annual statement of moneys belonging in his hands Nov. 30th. The amount is $2,073 72.

Capt. Barry, road superintendent, tendered his monthly report of disbursements and same was approved and ordered on file. He now has 31 convicts at work on the Castle Haynes road near the iron bridge and is making very satisfactory progress.

Night Session.

The board met again last night at 8 o'clock, those in attendance being Chairman Moore and Commissioner McEachern. Holmes, and Alexander.

The following resolution was adopted.

"*Resolved*, that Island Creek from the county fence to North East River, and the North East and the Cape Fear Rivers are declared a lawful fence, and the shore channel of Middle Sound from the eastern end of the water fence and the Banks Channel be declared a lawful fence."

On application from Messrs. J. T. and F. M. Foy, of Scotts Hill, Pender County, the followin was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the gate (of the county fence) on the public road leading to Newbern be placed on the northern end of Foy's lane, provided it does not entail extra expense to the county, and that Messrs Joseph T. and F. M. Foy bind themselves to keep the fence along said lane between the gate and the regular line of county fence; and if at any time the fence along said lane is not kept up, then it is understood that the gate will be moved along the line of county fence."

The secretary was instructed to send the Messrs. Foy a copy of the above resolution, and ask that they reply to the same, giving their signatures.

With regard to the bridge to be built on the road from Wrightsville to Summer Rest, Capt. John Barry, superintendent of county roads, was instructed to make specifications and call for bids to be submitted at the next meeting of the board.

The application of Mr. Vance Norwood for a reduction of the assessment of a house and lot in block 220 was disallowed.

The board took a recess till 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Holiday Shopping.

The holiday shopper can find no better place to drop in and inspect a new and pretty line of presents suitable for ladies gentlemen than at the jewelry parlors of Mr. J. T. Burke, No. 27 South Front street. The selections have been carefully made by Mr. Burke with respect to quality, style and price and to make your purchases without consulting his superb line is perhaps to be unsatisfied after mature reflection. He carries also in stock a variety of musical instruments of standard manufacture at much less than catalogue prices.

—Mr. Wm. E. Springer, a member of the joint board of finance of the North Carolina Conference, which convenes in Washington, N. C., on Thursday, will leave this morning to attend the sessions of the Conference.

ECHOES OF THE FAIR.

The Receipts at the Two Weeks' Entertainment at Masonic Temple Were $4,572.86.

RESULTS VERY SATISFACTORY

The Expenses Were Nearly a Thousand Dollars — Shares Awarded Last Night—About Fifty Books Are Now Outstanding.

The Masonic Fair, which was held at the Temple for the two weeks ending last Saturday night, was not only a momentous social occasion, but it proved a financial success beyond the expectations of the Masons of Wilmington. Up to the last footings last night, the receipts during the two weeks amounted to $5,572.86, and the expenses were $976 77, leaving a balance of $4,596.09 to be applied to the floating debt incurred for furnishing the Temple. There will be some additional receipts to be added to the above figures.

The fair closed Saturday night, but last night a large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Temple to witness the award of shares on a large number of donations. Besides the donations disposed of last night there are still outstanding about fifty books on articles of various kinds. The shares on these will be disposed of next Monday night.

Last night the shares were disposed of as follows:

St John's Lodge Booth—Fifty-dollar steel Buck range donated through Messrs. W. E. Springer & Co., the agents, awarded to Capt. James I. Metts; gents suit pattern, Mr. Hugh O. Wallace; Japanese pillow, Mr. Ike Bear; 100 cigars, Capt. Geo. L. Morton; Winchester rifle, Capt Edgar L. Hart; double barrel shot gun, Mr. W. N. Penny; two blooded pigs, Mr. T. H. Johnson; handsome couch, Mr. A. C. Sneed.

Orient Lodge Booth—Pair gent's hand made shoes, Mr C. T. Bennett; parlor stove, Mr. E. P. Willard; suit pattern, Mr. W. H. Fallon; fishing rod and reel, Mr. D. McEachern: English dress pattern, Mrs. E H Cranmer; Memoirs of the war of '76, Mr. Iredell Meares, gasoline cooking stove, Mrs. A M. Waddell, Jr.

Wilmington Lodge Booth—Handsome rocking chair, Mr. W. B. Murrill, of Jacksonville, N. C.; double barrel shotgun, Mr. J. P. Durham, of Rocky Point; double-barrel shotgun, Mr. W. L. Kure; square parlor stove, Mr. L. J. Cooper.

Shrine Booth—Pair gent's shoes, Mr. W. J. Martin; lap robe, Mr. L. B. Love, two boxes cigars, Mr. E. K. Bryan; oak mantlepiece, Mr. W. L. Everett; fishing rod and reel, Col. F. W. Foster; brass coal scuttle, Mrs. Louise Korb.

Concord Chapter Booth—Imported dress pattern, Miss Adelaide Behrends; parlor stove, Dr. George F. Lucas, Currie, N. C.; pair lady's shoes, Mr. E. A. Brown.

Plantagenet Commandery Booth—Handsome Knights Templar pillow, donated by Mrs. W. F. Martin, of Utica, N.Y., awarded to Mr. James W. Monroe; pair lady's riding boots, Mr. W H. McMillan; pair pants, Mr. L. B. Love.

While several of the Masonic committee were disposing of the shares, Col. Noble F. Martin sold a couple of hundred articles of various kinds. The auction sale footed up $56 50. Among the articles sold at auction was a double horse buggy pole to Mr. C. O. Byerly for $5.50; a stove to Messrs. W. E. Springer & Co. for $6, and an "Our Leader" range to Mr. R. H. Pickett for $12.50.

THE BIG GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

Will Appear at the Opera House To-night. Street Parade This Afternoon.

Continuous vaudeville seems to be the real thing in the cities. "Continuous fun" is the motto of Richards & Pringle's—Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival, who bring an entire new company of fun-makers, retaining only the famous Billy Kersands and Harry Fidler from last season. There is no fall of the curtain from the commencement of the jollification until the finish; the programme is too long to permit of any waits or long drawn out overtures. It is one continuous round of pleasure and surprising novelties. They will appear in this city at the Opera House tonight. The big street parade, a necessary adjunct to all minstrel organizations, will take place at 2.30 this afternoon and it is said to be a very novel one.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. H. Hannah, of Reidsville, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Miss Nan. Sharp left for her home in Portsmouth yesterday, after a stay of about ten days here, which she greatly enjoyed.

— Mr. N. H. Carter, of Wallace, N. C., the clever travelling salesman for the Hughes Buggy Co., of Lynchbury, Va., was here yesterday calling on the trade.

— Little Miss Julia Bryant, of Greensboro, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thos. C. Lewis, has returned home, much to the regret of her many friends.

— Capt. L. C. Jones and bride, who have been spending a while at his old home at Jonesboro, since their marriage at Fayetteville, arrived in the city last evening. They will sojourn at Mr. Lee Holmes', 120 Grace street.

Specialties at---
J. B. & J. C. KING'S THIS WEEK.
CELERY. NICE BREAKFAST STRIPS AT... 10c
NICE HAMS AT.... 12 1-2c
J. B. & J. C. KING,
dec 5 tf 131-135 Market Street.

FIRE ON THE SOUND.

The Warrock House On Masonboro, Belonging to Mr. A. C. Sneed, Totally Destroyed—Loss About $3,000.

Mr. A. C. Sneed, who some time ago bought Capt. W. S. Warrock's valuable place on Masonboro Sound, five miles from the city, had the misfortune to lose his house by fire Sunday evening at 6 30 o'clock. The house caught fire in the roof from a spark from the kitchen and was totally destroyed. Mr. Sneed's neighbors came to his assistance and some of his furniture was saved, but a large portion of it was also consumed with the building, together with household effects and provisions.

The loss on the house is about $2,800, and there is only $1,500 insurance on it; the policy being with Messrs. Walker Taylor & Metts, underwriters' agents. On the furniture there was a policy for $300, and that will probably cover the loss.

Mr. Sneed's residence was one story and a jump, and contained nine rooms. It was a commodious house, and with the improvements by Capt. W. S Warrock, its former owner, its construction cost about $3,000.

Mr. Sneed expects to rebuild right away.

CAPE FEAR CAMP.

The Confederate Veterans Held Their Monthly Meeting Last Night.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C V., was held last night at the Armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry. Capt. Jas. I Metts, Commander, presided, and Capt Henry Savage, Adjutant, acted as secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Sergeant Major P Heinsberger was tendered and accepted, and Comrade R. F. Hamme was unanimously elected Sergeant Major in his stead.

The committee on the cemetery lot made its report and a committee consisting of Col. F.W. R. Kerchner, as chairman, and Capt. W. R Kenan, was appointe to look further into the matter.

General F. M. Parker, in a letter, reported the death of Dr. W.C. McDuffie, of Fayetteville, member of the staff of the Third Brigade, and other comrades.

Commander Metts appointed Comrades O. M. Fillyaw and John R. Marshall members of the Relief Committee.

An invitation from the reunion committee at Louisville, Ky., with an extract from Col. B. H Young's speech, was read and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

On motion of Col. Kerchner, it was resolved, that hereafter whenever the Camp is ordered out for parade at funerals or other functions of the Camp, they shall meet at the W. L. I. armory for formation and march in a body to such point as the commander may designate. It is furthermore understood that all members having uniforms will wear them on all such occasions.

It was ordered that arrangements be made to have a supply of badges on hand so that members desiring them can procure them at once.

On motion, the commander was requested to appoint a committee to arrange for the celebration of General R. E. Lee's birthday and to confer and join with the Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Veterans and other Confederate associations in arranging for such celebration and that the commander shall be chairman of that committee.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

Chamber of Commerce Will Hold An Important Session This Morning.

President Wm. E. Worth, of the Chamber of Commerce, has called a special meeting of that body, to be held at its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building this morning at 10 30 o'clock, for the purpose of considering a matter of very great importance to the commercial welfare of Wilmington. For this reason it is his especial desire that every member shall be in attendance.

It will be remembered that some time ago the STAR made reference to a trip of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Hon. Jno. H. Small and other prominent men down the river to ascertain Wilmington's harbor needs in view of asking Congress for a substantial increase in the annual appropriation for river and harbor improvement.

The meeting to-day will be for the consideration of this matter and it is understood from President Worth that the Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville will join Wilmington's business men in any concerted action toward this end. A communication will be read from that body at the meeting this morning.

One of the principal ideas in view is to secure an appropriation sufficient to have the river channel dredged to a depth and width, which will allow vessels drawing twenty feet of water and over to swing in the stream at low tide.

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Fayetteville, N. C., December 1, 1899.
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