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OUTLINES.

Maj. Gen. Lawton was killed by Filipinos in front of his troops at San Mateo. —— J. W. Gayle, Democrat elected Congressman from the Seventh Kentucky district. —— British was expenditures exceed 2,000,000 pound, per week. —— H. G. Wadley sent tenced to one year's imprisonment in the Virginia penitentiary for embezzlement. —— A number of witnesses from Utah were before the Roberts investigating committee of the House yesterday. —— Ewart's nomination for U. S. district court judge has again been sent to the Senate. —— Dillaway & Starr, bankers of Boston, have failed. —— Funeral of Flag Lieut. Brumby will take place to day in Atlanta. —— The failure of the National Bank of Port Jervis, N. Y., is announced. —— Sanford White, superintendent of a coke company a Dunbar, Pa., was shot and killed by a negro; the murderer was killed by a posse. —— Seven lives lost in two fires in tenement houses in New York. —— The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington, D. C., February 22nd, to fix a time and place for holding the National Democratic Convention. —— N. Y. markets: money on call ranged from 2 to 30 per cent., last loan at 2; cotton steady, middling uplands 7⅛c; flour was quiet and easy; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 75½c; corn—spot weak; No. 2 40½c; oats—spot steady; No. 2 29c; rosin quiet; strained common to good $1.45; spirits turpentine steady at 51½@52c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 19.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 53 degrees; 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3 8

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 5 0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—For North Carolina—Fair; colder Wednesday; Thursday fair; fresh northerly winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 20.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 46 P. M.
Moon Sets	9 H.36 M.
High Water at Southport	10.06 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	1.36 P. M.

A blaster in New York was fined $100 for carrying a bag of dynamite on a trolley, and the judge blew him up, too.

Alabama's output of minerals this year is estimated at something over 7,500,000 tons of coal, 262,861 tons of pig iron and 673,845 tons of iron ore.

"Lucky Baldwin" owned a lot in San Francisco, but he had to sell it for $1,425,000 because he couldn't raise money enough to build a show house on it.

It is said that many of the soldiers in the Philippines are suffering from a species of nerve paralysis, which follows dysentery and makes some of them cripples for life.

The Queen of England is so much prostrated by the British disasters in South Africa that she can't sleep, and she has no boys in the army, either. How about the mothers that have?

The Chief of Police in St. Joseph, Mo., offers a reward of $600 for footpads, but he wants them dead. He will not pay any reward for live ones: he has too many of them already.

The Boers were as much surprised as the British soldiers were at Stormberg. It is said that there were only 800 Boers, and they were very much surprised to see the 3,000 British retreating.

Gen. Buller will not eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria, as he boasted he would before he sailed from England, but a considerable number of British officers and soldiers will, as prisoners of war.

Senator Stewart thinks Senator Quay will get in, because "the Senate has always voted to seat the man it liked and voted not to seat the man it disliked, and that's all there is to it." It likes Quay because he is a boon companion and can tell big fish stories.

A Bridgeport, Conn., man has recently developed a remarkable enlargment of conscience. He returned to a Chicago policeman a pocket-book and sent to Mayor Harrison a $5 bill for back water tax. It may be observed that his conscience didn't begin to grow until he left Chicago.

A young woman who when a girl sixteen years ago was run over by a railroad train in Kansas and lost a leg, has finally, after due deliberation, entered suit against the company for $30,000 damages. She has probably recently formed the acquaintance of some lawyer who wanted a job.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Clyde steamship *Saginaw* arrived from New York at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

— The brig *Caroline Gray*, Capt. Meader, cleared yesterday with lumber from the Kidder Lumber Co. for Humacoa, Porto Rico.

— License was yesterday issued for the marriage of Mr. LaFayette Southerland, of Masonboro Sound, to Miss Julia Etta Rogers, of Greenville Sound.

— The *Emma*, Capt. Charles Wessell's new steam river and harbor tug, made her trial trip up the river yesterday afternoon. She was saluted by steam vessels lying in the harbor as she passed up.

— On account of the lack of a quorum there was no meeting last night of the City Board of Audit and Finance. Chairman H. C. McQueen, Mr. S. P. McNair and Capt. Jno. Cowan, clerk, were all who were present.

— The finals in the tournament of the Cape Fear Golf Club will be played on the club's links at Hilton Park this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The street cars will run to Hilton, beginning at that hour and until the game closes.

— A meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-night for the consideration of several important matters. At this session applications for liquor licenses will be received and passed upon for the term beginning January 1st, 1900.

— The Wilmington Light Infantry had its regular drill last night as usual. It was decided at an informal meeting to suspend the regular drills until after the holidays, the next drill being on the second Tuesday night in January.

— The rabid goat, which created so much excitement near corner Second and Dawson streets Monday morning, was yesterday killed by W. H. H. Todd. It is said to have been a genuine case of rabies with which the goat was affected, and is the first case on record in the city.

— Wilmington Division Naval Reserves had a drill last night. The improved one pound Hotchkiss gun which has been aboard their cruiser *Hornet*, was taken to the armory yesterday afternoon and cleaned up and a practice was held after the drill at the foot of Market street.

— The auditing committee of the Board of County Commissioners held a session yesterday afternoon and approved bills for current expenses. A meeting of the entire board is called for this afternoon, at which several important matters are expected to come up for consideration.

— An old colored family servant of Col. W. A. Johnson suffered a hemorrhage, caused by the bursting of a blood vessel, while walking in front of the store of the Johnson Dry Goods Company late yesterday afternoon. She was sent to her home by Col. Johnson and Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy attended her.

— The *Hurt* arrived yesterday from Fayetteville and points up the Cape Fear, returning in the afternoon. Among the holiday purchasers who came down were Messrs. J. B. and H. B. McFadyen, of Jones' Landing, C. B. Pridgen, of Kelly's Cove, R. D. Kelly, of Loebus' Landing, and T. W. Marshall, of Caintuck.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Chief of Police—Notice.
A. Shrier—Holiday gifts.
King Grocery Co.—Xmas feast.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fruit baskets.

Woman's Auxiliary to Y. M. C. A.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. held a well attended meeting yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the association parlors and discussed plans for the big reception to be given on New Year's night, in which they are expected to take a prominent part. The vice president from each of the churches was asked to nominate four or five young ladies from their congregations to serve upon the committee of reception. Work upon the decoration of the building has already begun.

Passed Creditable Examination.

Capt. F. B. Rice received from the Civil Service Board yesterday a statement of the result of his recent examination as steamboat hull inspector for the Charleston district. He passed a very creditable examination, having averaged more than 97 in the entire examination. In two of the branches he received 100, the highest mark attainable, and received a congratulatory letter from the authorities upon his abundant success.

Steamer Planter Here.

The steamer *Planter*, Captain Fergurson, which is being operated by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son under charter to bring their consignments of cotton from Georgetown, S. C., and vicinity, arrived in port on another trip last evening. She brought this time 420 bales, and will be engaged in discharging to day, probably clearing for the return this evening.

Another New Sharpie.

Capt. P. W. Cox, of Little River, S. C, yesterday made application for official measurement of a new sharpie which he has recently built for the coasting trade. She is called the *Victor C*, and is a two-masted craft of about 40 feet length and 3½ feet depth. She will be officially measured and recorded to-day.

PARTING RECEPTION TO MR. TYER AND FAMILY.

Flattering Gathering of the Members of Grace Church at the Parsonage Last Night—Dozens of Presents.

The congregation of Grace M. E. Church, South, gave a parting reception last night at the parsonage, on Second and Walnut streets, to the Rev. A. P. Tyer and his family. The reception lasted from 7.30 P. M. till 11 P. M., and great crowds of people called, attesting the love they bore for their pastor and the sorrow felt that he is to separate from them after a faithful ministry of two years. Among the callers were the Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Milton A. Barber, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. John H. Hall, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, and the Rev. R. F. Bumpass, presiding elder of the Wilmington District.

The following ladies, constituting the reception committee, received, with Mr. and Mrs. Tyer: Mrs. C. C. Covington, Mrs. W. C. Craft, Mrs. A. C. Craft, Mrs. J. D. Kelley, Mrs. W. E. Perdew, Mrs. Leon Richardson, Mrs. J. F. Garrell and Miss Blanche Fentress.

The reception was a most flattering success and barring the pain felt at parting with Mr. Tyer and his family, it was a most enjoyable occasion. The parlor and dining room were handsomely decorated with palms, ferns and camelias. All the callers were served with delightful refreshments.

At 9 o'clock, with the parlors crowded, Mr. Tyer was presented with a beautiful sterling silver carving set and a Wilmington souvenir spoon, as a token of the love of his Wilmington friends. Mrs. J. F. Garrell handed over the presents, and Dr. W. C. Galloway presented them with happy and eloquent remarks. Mr. Tyer responded in feeling terms, and there was not a dry eye in the house as he spoke of his appreciation of the gifts.

The carving set was contained in a beautiful white enameled case. The silver spoon has a gold lined bowl in which was engraved "Wilmington," and on the handle was the coat of arms of the State and the inscription "North Carolina."

Mr. Tyer and the members of his family, including the children, were the recipients yesterday of more than a score of presents. Among the gifts to Mr. Tyer were a silver match safe from Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nutt, silver mounted military brushes by Miss Mamie Alderman, a silver grip tag by Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Craig, a box of cigars from Mr. J. Hicks Bunting and a box of cigars from Mr. D. H. Walsh.

Before leaving, Dr. Galloway presented Mr. Tyer with the following resolutions:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18, 1899.

Rev. A. P. Tyer and Wife, Parsonage:

Dear Friends—During the session of Grace Sunday School last Sunday afternoon, December 17th, a motion was offered and unanimously adopted, that a committee be appointed to formulate sentiments expressive of our appreciation of your labors among us, and our regrets at your departure from our midst. In compliance with the pleasant duty assigned, we, the committee, have drawn up the following, which we desire you shall keep as a sweet memory of our happy association together.

We, for and on behalf of our Sunday School, cheerfully bear testimony to the fact that you have been faithful, zealous, earnest and able coworkers and friends in our growth, prosperity and spiritual welfare.

You have endeared yourselves to us by numerous acts of kindness, courtesy and love, and we hold you in the highest esteem for your exemplary Christian character. We deeply regret, through the will of Conference, that we are compelled to forego the cordial and affectionate relations, but devoutly pray that God, in his wisdom and goodness, may be your rock and refuge, and guide, protect and cherish you in your new home at Durham, and wherever, in the dispensation of Providence, your lots may be cast. We sincerely desire your earnest prayers for the gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our efforts in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, and we heartily commend you to the good people of Durham, especially the entire flock of Main Street Church, and sincerely trust that your associations there may be mutually pleasant and profitable, and that your services may be crowned with the amaranthine wreath of success under the approving smile of Heaven.

Affectionately and fraternally yours,
J. H. DAVIS,
W. C. GALLOWAY,
MRS. W. H. SHAW,
MRS. J. F. GARRELL,
MRS. W. H. HANKINS,
Committee.

Mr. Tyer and his family will leave on the 9.45 train over the Atlantic Coast Line this morning for Durham, where he will be pastor of Main Street M. E. Church, South. He will preach for his new congregation next Sunday.

The Rev. J. N. Cole, the new pastor of Grace Church, will arrive here from Durham on the 5.50 P. M. train tomorrow, and will also preach for his congregation next Sunday.

Death of a Little Boy.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Landin deeply sympathize with them in the death of their six-year-old son, Nash, who died of meningitis on Monday night at 11 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted last night at the residence, 511 South Fifth street, by the Rev. John H. Hall, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church. The remains will be taken to Onslow county to-day for interment.

Let us bake your Cakes. Only steam oven in the city. Your Cakes will not have to stand over night, Can bake them at once. Palace Bakery. †

Mixed Nuts 10c per pound, Cocoanuts 5c. Fresh Ground Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

GEN. LEE'S BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED.

Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Veterans Will Join Confederate Veterans in Honoring Lee's Memory.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the rooms of the Chapter, in the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry.

Mrs. W. M. Parsley, the president, presided, and Miss Kate Harlow, the secretary, was in attendance.

The regular routine business was transacted, and ballots were distributed for the election of officers to take place January 19th, or at some meeting to be called for the purpose.

It was decided to invite Miss Rodman, of Washington, N. C., president of the North Carolina Division, Daughters of the Confederacy, to visit Wilmington on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee, January 19th.

By invitation of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans will join the Camp in the celebration of General Lee's birthday. The Camp, as has heretofore been noted, decided at its annual meeting to hereafter make General Lee's birthday one of the occasions for having a reunion and celebration. The purpose in the future is to observe more faithfully the birthday of the great Confederate chieftain. The Camp at its last meeting appointed a committee, with Capt. James I. Metts, the commander, as chairman, to make arrangements for the celebration.

MANY SOCIAL EVENTS

Will Mark the Christmas Festivities in Wilmington This Year—Germans by the Two Clubs.

From a social standpoint Christmas week bids fair to be one continuous round of pleasure.

Several features are already announced, and it is quite probable many private entertainments will enliven the holidays.

On Christmas night the young ladies will give a dance at Germania Hall, complimentary to the members of L'Arioso and L'Agile german clubs.

L'Arioso German Club has announced their Christmas german for Wednesday, December 27th. This dance is usually looked upon as the chief social event of the season and in keeping with their custom beautiful souvenirs will be distributed.

Haywood's Capital City band has been engaged for the occasion.

The german will be danced in the new ball-room of the Masonic Temple and over fifty couples are expected to participate.

The date will probably be Friday evening, December 29th.

Thursday night, December 28th, L'Agile German Club will hold their annual Christmas dance. The german will be led by Mr. M. C. Elliott and will doubtless be a delightful event and contribute much to the pleasure of the week.

An impromptu german is usually given during the holidays and it is understood the two german clubs and society men generally will participate.

Tuesday night, December 26th, is the only evening which will not be devoted to dancing; rumor has it, however, that there will be one or more home entertainments at that time.

CUSTOM HOUSE TO BE IMPROVED.

Government Has Authorized Appropriation for General Overhauling of Interior.

Collector John C. Dancy, at this port, has been authorized by the Treasury Department, it is learned, to call for bids for a thorough overhauling and repainting of the interior of the Custom House.

A United States building inspector visited Wilmington a short time ago, took an inventory of the needed improvements to the building, and upon his recommendation and through the efforts of local officials, the department has granted an appropriation for this purpose.

The contract will probably be given to local workmen and completed early in the new year.

The exterior of the building will, it is understood, receive no immediate attention. The walls of the different rooms inside the building and the hallways will be neatly kalsomined and otherwise improved.

ADDITIONAL DIPHTHERIA CASES.

Two Quarantines Declared Yesterday. One Case of Scarlet Fever Reported.

Two new cases of diptheria have been officially reported to Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, and promptly isolated in quarantine.

One is in the vicinity of Tenth and Princess streets, and the other is at No. 307 MacRae street, but neither is said to have yet shown signs of malignancy. The situation is not at all alarming, however, Dr. McMillan says, and with the hearty co-operation of the physicians of the city, he thinks he can well assure the people that there is no probability of an epidemic.

The scarlet fever situation is practically unchanged. One new case was reported Monday, but there was none yesterday, and those patients who are quarantined are said to be doing very well.

Watch us unload a car of Fruit in front of our store Friday. We are going to make somebody sick on prices. Palace Bakery. †

BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

Lodge Organized in Wilmington Last Night. It Will be Instituted December 29th. A Banquet Afterwards.

A meeting of gentlemen was held in the parlors of The Orton last night for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. About twenty of those interested were in attendance. Several old Elks were among the number.

On motion, Mr. W. A. French, Jr., was called to the chair and Dr. Charles T. Harper was requested to act as secretary.

Mr. Louis Stein, who is an Elk of ten years affiliation, stated the object of the meeting, and explained the purposes and principles of the order.

It was thereupon decided to organize a lodge, and the following officers were elected:

Exalted Ruler—Prof. John J. Blair.
Esteemed Leading Knight—Mr. Louis Stein.
Esteemed Loyal Knight—Dr. Charles T. Harper.
Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Mr. James W. Monroe.
Secretary—Mr. Thos. H. Wright.
Treasurer—Mr. H. J. Gerken.
Tyler—Mr. John R. Turrentine, Jr.
Trustees—Messrs. Ike Bear, R. W. Wallace and E. J. Powers.

Thirty two members of the new lodge were enrolled.

The new lodge will be instituted on Friday afternoon, December 29th, by a team of Elks which is coming here from Winston for that purpose. After the institution there will be a banquet at night at The Orton.

At the meeting last night a committee was appointed to receive the visiting Elks. The following is the committee: Messrs. L. Stein, chairman, John J. Blair, Sam Bear, Jr., S. A. Schloss, C. C. Chadbourn and C. W. Woodward.

The following committee was appointed to make arrangements for the banquet: Messrs. W. A. French, Jr., chairman, H. J. Gerken, H. C. Bear and E. C. Cohen.

CHRISTMAS FOOT BALL.

Game Has at Last Been Arranged With Fayetteville for Monday—Visitors Expected Via Steamer.

The game with the Fayetteville foot ball team for Christmas day has at last been arranged to be played on the Wilmington grounds. The plans were consummated yesterday and the Fayettevillians will charter the steamboat *Hurt* and arrive here Monday morning with a large complement of rooters.

The Wilmington team, which will do themselves honor against the visiting, team will be managed by Mr. Jas. Sinclair, whose name is a synonym for all that is good in athletic sports, and it will be captained by Mr. H. J. McMillan, under whose leadership Wilmington has more than once retired as the victor from the grid iron.

Manager Sinclair yesterday received the following significant reply to a challenge sent the Fayetteville team: "Will be there, rain or shine,"

The team that will represent Wilmington on this occasion will be a strong one, composed of the best material in the city, and Wilmington boys say that they expect to win from Fayetteville and clean out the defeat they received last New Year's day. Fayetteville's team is a good one, her men behind the line being especially strong. Mr. Harlee Bellamy, who has been playing star ball with the University team this season will be found with Wilmington. He is a good ground-gainer and a fine tackler. Capt. McMillan requests all the applicants for the team to meet him at the practice grounds on Front street to-night at 8 P. M.

Mr. Stevenson Trustee.

The first meeting of the creditors of T. J. Wescott & Co., of Southport, in bankruptcy, was held yesterday in the United States court room, in this city, before S. H. McRae, of Fayetteville, referee in bankruptcy for this district. Among the creditors represented were West & Co., R. W. Hicks, John H. Rehder & Co., the J. C. Stevenson Co., J. A. Taylor, Wescott & Stone, and the B. F. Keith Co., all of this city; Singhuff, Johns & Co., of Baltimore, and others. The following attorneys represented various creditors: Messrs. J. O. Carr, Geo. L. Peschau, Robert Ruark and John D. Bellamy, Jr.

Claims amounting to about $2,000 were filed, and Mr. J. C. Stevenson was made trustee for the creditors. It is understood that the assets of the bankrupt amount to about $2,500.

No More Fever at Key West.

Dr. George A. Sheldon, U. S. A., who was detailed to take charge of the yellow fever detention camp at Bird Key, off Tortugas, Fla., during the recent epidemic of yellow fever at Key West and vicinity, arrived at The Orton yesterday and will be in the city a few days.

During the yellow fever epidemic twenty-three cases came under the supervision of Dr. Sheldon. He states that the fever has disappeared and everything has now settled down to the normal condition at Key West.

By the way, Dr. Sheldon was an assistant surgeon with the army in Santiago Province during the war with Spain, and picked up a beautiful Spanish bugle from the battlefield. He also has numerous souvenirs of the war.

The Doctor will leave here in a few days to report at Washington.

Cocoanuts 5c, Fresh Grated Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

MYTHS OF GREECE AND ROME.

An event of unusual interest, one hundred and ten participants, composed of some of Wilmingson's most talented young people, will be presented under the direction of Miss Lord to night and Thursday night of this week for the benefit of the Katherine Kennedy Home

Miss Lord's superb entertainments heretofore have established for her the reputation of high classic amateur entertainments, and this one promises to eclipse others and to merit an overflowing house.

Introductory.

A brief mythological history in connection with the bases of Miss Lord's creation.

The most beautiful of the many interesting mythological fictions connected with the theology of the ancient Greeks and Romans is the power and mission of Eros, or Love, claimed to be the oldest of all gods having existed when even earth was a chaos. Eros was worshiped with much reverence; by his mystical power the noblest, best and purest qualities of nature are created and controlled. Poets and musicians in all ages have sung to this diety their sweetest melodies; love is king over the heart, awakening within the soul of every creature that perfection of joy indescribably controlling the life of everything living, from the lowest germ to the highest work of the creator. From chaos was produced the earth, and by the union with Eros all the harmonious parts of nature were formed.

The Story as it Will be Presented.

Scene I—Love's Awakening.—Eros, wandering through space and filled with the power of his being, sees a darkened world, cold and barren; pitying it he aims his arrow and pierces the earth, when lo! a transformation, as if by magical influence. Flora, the goddess of flowers, appears and bedecks earth with all her beauty and creation immediately breaks forth into life, flowers and grasses, while here and everywhere, flit the happy careless little butterflies. All is now animation, love and beauty. Eros beholds the picture and is satisfied, therefore he calls all the gods and goddesses together for a high carnival, and to bestow on earth their great gifts.

Scene II—Mount Olympus—Jupiter and Juno, king of the gods and queen of heaven are in regal splendor, while dance before them their attendants. Iris the rainbow, Mercury, the swift winged messenger of the gods to man; Ganymede, Jupiter's cup bearer; Fortuna goddess of fortune, Fama goddess of fame, Victoria, goddess of victory. During this scene all the gods and goddesses, the fates and graces pass before them, and have come to robe the earth with all the arts and sciences which is their honor to give unto man.

Scene III—Dawn, Day, Night—Aurora, the goddess of dawn, comes to lighten the world; she opens the gates for Apollo, God of the Sun, who enters and with his sunbeams floods the earth with sunshine and warmth; Diana also appears in this scene. She is here represented as the Celestial Goddess of the Moon, and, who, with her attendants, the moonbeams, watch and defend the slumbers of man.

Scene IV—The Vestalia—Without the sacred flame transfused into the earth, life would be hopelessly barren, so Vesta and the Vestal maidens come to give peace, and as ministering angels, to guard the family hearth and control the passions of man. Earth would be a joy forever were not there another scene to this fair picture; Sin, ever ready to destroy our fair Eden, tempts man in many ways; therefore, Bacchus, the merry God of Wine, gives to man the "fruits of the vine." The scene here introduced shows but too vividly the power of the serpent's sting, as it hides in the burning sparkling cup. Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom and the finer arts, comes with her warlike maidens to crown earth with their rich store.

Scene V—Hades—A peep into the domain of Pluto gives a tragic light to the other scenes, the "king of devils" with his fair kidnapped spouse, Prosepina, are on their throne; the Fates by their side, who silently measure the birth, life and end of man, while the lost spirits dance around.

Scene VI—Birth of Venus—Venus, born of the sea, the goddess of "love and beauty," was known not only to the ancient heathens, but to every household at this age, where all that is lovely and fair is applied to her; the earth would not be complete were she not to dwell on it, and with Cupid controlling the hearts of man she comes, and with her, her three graces—Splendor, Pleasure and Joy. Neptune, god of the sea, and Amphitrite, his queen, with the fair nymphs of the sea, pay honor to Venus and welcome her as the most richly gifted of all the deities. Mars, the god of war, who loves Venus, comes with his warriors to pay homage to the charms of Venus.

The play is set in allegorical form, making it more real and lasting to the sense; it is full of instructive grandeur, and must be seen to be appreciated and understood.

The following are the chaperones: Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Mrs. Wallace Carmichael, Mrs. H. P. West, Mrs. F. A. Lord, Mrs. Albert Gore and Mrs. G. W. Catlett.

MRS. H. D. BURKHEIMER.

COUNTY TAX COLLECTIONS.

Eighty-five Per Cent. of New Hanover Taxes Already in Sheriff's Hands.

The delinquent real estate tax list for the current year has been made up by Sheriff MacRae and his corps of clerks, and the same will be published Saturday morning as an advertisement for sale in accordance with the provisions of law.

The sheriff yesterday afternoon informed a STAR representative that approximately $71,600 out of $83,000 of this year's taxes have already been collected, which is a little more than 85 per cent. The record is a splendid one and it speaks well for the untiring efforts of Sheriff McRae and his efficient assistants in this direction.

The per cent. record of the collections for any one entire year is 93 per cent. and judging from the start made this year, it is safe to predict that the close of this tax collection year will be marked by an even larger per cent. of collections than before.

— Mr. J. M. Smith, a well known Whiteville merchant, was here making Christmas purchases yesterday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Thos. S. Bowles, of Richmond, is in the city.

— Dr. E. L. Cox, of Jacksonville, was here yesterday.

— Mr. John R. Morris, of Baltimore, is a guest of The Orton.

— Mr. J. W. Hollingsworth, of Currie, is in the city on business.

— Mr. H. Carter, of Abbottsburg, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. D. W. Biggs, of Ashpole, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. W. W. Miller, of Rocky Point, called on our jobbers yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Carter, of Clarkton, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Jim DeVane, of Daughton, Sampson county, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. T. C. McEachin, of Laurinburg, was in the city making business calls yesterday.

— Mr. James Whitfield, a popular tobacco salesman, is in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. A. B. Walker, of Cumberland county, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— State Senator J. W. S. Robinson, of Sampson county, is in the city on a shopping tour.

— Mr. W. W. Miller, of Rocky Point, was here yesterday making Christmas purchases.

— Mr. J. B. McFayden, of Westbrook, was in the city yesterday and favored the STAR with a call.

— Mr. W. H. Holland, of Fayetteville, is in the city, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jno. H. Hall.

— Mr. W. D. Croom, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Croom was one of the heaviest losers in the recent fire at Burgaw.

— Manager T. F. Simmons, of the Interstate Telephone Exchange, and wife have gone to Rocky Mount to attend the marriage of Mr. Simmons' brother, Mr. Lee Simmons, of that town.

— Mr. L. J. Cooper, of the firm of the Cooper & Cooper Company, left yesterday for Mullins, S. C., to attend the marriage of his brother. Before returning, he will go to Waycross, Ga., his former home, to spend Christmas.

— Major S. J. Bierman, of New York, formerly of Columbia, S. C., now travelling salesman for Messrs. North Bros. & Strauss, is in the city calling on the trade. During the war with Spain he was major of the Second battalion of the Second regiment of South Carolina volunteers, U. S. A.

— Mr. C. H. Westbrook, who returned a few days ago from New Orleans, has accepted a position as travelling salesman with the Rheinstein Dry Goods Company. Mr. Westbrook is well known and popular on the road, and The STAR is glad to note that he is again with the Wilmington knights of the grip.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

New Meat Market.

This is to inform the many friends of Mr. Johnnie Hintz that he has completed arrangements to go into the Meat Business under the firm name of J. H. Hintz & Co., on stalls Nos. and 3, north side of Market House, formerly occupied by C. S. Garrell & Co., where by polite attention and dispatch he hopes for a full share of the patronage of his old friends.

J. H. HINTZ.
Inter-State 'Phone 338, Bell 'Phone 128.
sep 24 tf

Everything to be Sold

AT LOWEST PRICES. China, Glassware and Holiday Goods of every description to be sold at lowest figures from now on until everything is closed out. You can save money. Do not make any mistake in finding Watson's China Store, No. 11 Market street, between Front and Water, directly opposite Goodman's Dry Goods store. Look for the sign

"WATSON'S CHINA EMPORIUM."
dec 10 2w

MYTHS OF GREECE AND ROME.

Six scenes. One hundred and ten participants.
Under direction of Miss Cammie Lord.

OPERA HOUSE
December 20 and 21.

For the benefit of Catherine Kennedy Home.
Tickets at Gerken's; 50 cents in every part of the house.
Box sheet for sale of reserved seats open Tuesday morning.
dec 10 5t

NOTICE.

The following is the Ordinance in regard to the use of Fireworks and Firecrackers in the City of Wilmington, to which attention is hereby called, and which will be enforced, viz:

1. No Fireworks or Firecrackers OF ANY KIND are allowed AT ANY TIME WEST OF FRONT STREET.
2. No DYNAMITE Crackers can be used at ANY TIME ANYWHERE in the city limits.
3. Ordinary Firecrackers, not over two inches in length, and ordinary Fireworks, are permitted on the 23rd and 25th of December, on the 1st of January, and 4th of July, east of Front street.

By order of the Mayor.

E. G. PARMELE, Chief of Police.
dec 20 3t we fr su

Holiday Goods. Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts, Mixed Candy and Plain. Raisins of fine quality.

Selling at Low Prices.

We also have Seed Oats, Seed Wheat and a complete line of Heavy Groceries.
Lowest Prices for Quality.

The Worth Company.
dec 7 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- - CIGARS. - -
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
Representing Powell, Smith & Co. We are distributors for their

El Capitan General,	10c.
Union League Club, -	10c.
Cuban Blossom, - - - -	5c.
Renown, - - - - - - - - -	5c.
Santa Bama, - - - - - -	5c.

"War Eagle," "Old Glory" and "Match It" Cheroots.

No matter how fine or how cheap a dealer's trade may be, the above brands are not to be surpassed. Give the smokers a chance at them and they will sell rapidly. There are all kinds of goods, but the brands mentioned will whip the others to death. We are also dealers in all grades

... TOBACCO ...
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
PROVISIONS.
dec 10 tf

Crockery,
GLASSWARE, &c.
WE ARE AGENTS FOR
Libbey's Celebrated
Cut Glass

Our Motto, NO FANCY PRICES, will Be strictly carried out. And is a Safe Guarantee to you that you are Buying right.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.
nov 26 tf

Fruit Baskets
Make Excellent Christmas Gifts.

I have them in Tastily Arranged, Bountifully Filled, and in many shapes and sizes, and then, too, at the right prices. My store this week is

Stocked with supplies for Christmas Shoppers.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
204 Princess street.
Inter-State 'Phone 132. dec 20 tf

Firecrackers and Penny Candy--

We known you remember the place to get the best Xmas Goods. But let us remind you that more Xmas Goods than usual will be sold this season, and we have bought to supply our customers—

Cocoanuts, Oranges, Apples, Mixed Nuts, Candies, Cakes, Firecrackers, Cigars, Cigarettes, Fancy Goods and Everything.

We get the best prices for your Turkeys and Eggs. Enough said. Come along.

T. D. LOVE,
24 North Water Street.

Steamer for Fayetteville Mondays and Thursdays. Passengers, freight and towage.
For rates apply to T. D. LOVE,
dec 12 tf General Agent.

Bagging & Ties.
Nuts, Candies, Raisins, Cocoanuts and Apples,
and a full line of
HEAVY GROCERIES.
For sale cheap by
WILLIAMS BROS.,
WHOLESALE GROCERS.
16 and 18 North Water street.
Write for Prices.
We will have Rice Straw during this week. dec 10 tf

FOR SALE

A Desirable Building Lot on Princess street.
Also, a House and Lot on Orange street.

CUMMING
Real Estate Agent and Notary Public.
dec 6 tf

Christmas Doubts

For a suitable present can be settled by a visit to my store, where you will find THE FINEST GOODS ever shown in this city from which to select a stylish, useful, practical Present that will stamp you as an "up to-date" inhabitant of a progressive city. Prices to suit all size purses. Terms to suit everybody's convenience.
Open every evening till 8.30.

N. F. PARKER,
No. 17 South Front street,
dec 5 tf Furniture & Furniture Novelties.

DOG LOST!

Lost, white female setter, with black ears rather below medium size. Had on black leather collar. A reasonable reward will be paid on delivery at STAR office, or to Walter Way at Orton House. dec 16 tf