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## The Morning Star.

### OUTLINES.

Gen. Buller re-crossed the Tugela river last Monday and the War Office yesterday reported that he is marching upon Ladysmith; Gen. Roberts and Gen. Kitchener have gone to the front; severe fighting is reported at Strickerfont. — The House passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. — There is a hitch in the negotiations between Democrats and Republicans in Kentucky; both Houses of the Legislature, under control of Democrats, held sessions in Louisville; all quiet at Frankfort. — There were 408 deaths Tuesday from bubonic plague in the city of Bombay. — The remains of the late Gov. Goebel laid in state in the capitol building at Frankfort yesterday. — An invitation has been extended to Hon. Wm. J. Bryan to speak in Raleigh, N. C., Tuesday night. — Savannah citizens will present a silver vase to Admiral Dewey. — Fire at Carrabelle, Fla., caused a loss of \$50,000. — New York markets yesterday: Money on call steady at 2 1/2 per cent.; last loan at 2 1/2 per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 8 1/2-10c.; flour firmer and more active; wheat—spot strong; No. 2 red 76 1/2c.; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 41c.; rosin firmer; strained common to good \$1.65-1.70; spirits turpentine firm at 56 1/2-56 1/4c.

### WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
WEATHER BUREAU,  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 7.  
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees;  
9 P. M., 57 degrees; maximum, 63 de-  
grees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 53  
degrees.  
Rainfall for the day, .; rainfall  
since 1st of the month up to date, .69.  
Stage of water at Fayetteville 10  
feet.

### FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—For North  
Carolina: Rain Thursday; much  
colder and probably snow Friday; in-  
creasing easterly winds.

### Port Almanac—Feb. 8.

Sun Rises 6.56 A. M.  
Sun Sets 5.33 P. M.  
Day's Length 10 H. 37 M.  
High Water at Southport, 3.56 A. M.  
High Water, Wilmington, 5.26 A. M.

Winston Churchill says the British  
army in South Africa "is exasperated  
not defeated." Yes, it gets  
mad every time it is walked.

Some of the Republicans of this  
State are trying to boost Pritchard  
for second place on the ticket with  
McKinley. Jeter stands about as  
much chance of getting there as he  
does of scooting over to Timbuctoo  
in an air ship.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, which  
believes in ship subsidies, says the  
State pays annually \$60,000,000 to  
foreign ship owners for ocean car-  
riage. Well, just amend your old  
navigation laws, and we'll have ships  
of our own and save that money.

The native troops in Egypt are re-  
ported to be showing a surly and  
mutilous disposition, taking advantage  
of the racket in South Africa. If  
trouble should also be stirred up  
among the natives in India, John B.  
might have his hands full sure  
enough.

The latest scheme to supply St.  
Louis with drinking water, since  
Chicago sewage has been dumped  
into the Mississippi, is to get it from  
the head waters of the Merrimack  
river, a distance of about eighty-five  
miles. It is said it can be done at a  
cost of about \$20,000,000.

The average Yale student is econom-  
izing now, and has cut his ex-  
penses down so that he can scrim-  
mage along on from \$800 to \$1,000  
a year for living expenses. The  
daddies of a good many of them  
lived on less than half of that and  
thought they were living high.

Farnsworth, that numerously  
married fellow who was tried in  
Chicago on a charge of having too  
much wife, was convicted and sen-  
tenced to the penitentiary. He  
counted forty-two and stood the  
whole business, including the trial  
and sentence, with remarkable  
fortitude.

A Laurel county, Ky., Judge  
writes to say that his county has  
been grossly slandered, that the  
people are all good and law abiding  
people, that the village of London  
is a model village, that hasn't had a  
bar-room in it for twenty years.  
What a town to order a Kentucky  
Legislature to.

Massachusetts has already spent  
several hundred thousand dollars in  
the effort to suppress the gypsy  
moth, and is now told that it will  
take \$200,000 a year more for several  
years to come. All this is the out-  
come of a few specimens imported  
for scientific purposes. They gave  
the Professor the slip and went into  
business on their own account.

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### LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner *C. C. Wabrum*, 376 tons, Captain Cavlier, arrived yesterday from New York.  
—The STAR is glad to learn that Capt. Edgar D. Williams is still improving. He is now thought to be entirely out of danger.  
—The Charlotte *Observer* of yesterday says that Mr. Joseph D. Smith, of Wilmington, will open a stamping and insurance office in that city within a few days.  
—Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, I. O. F. W., will initiate and confer the first degree upon five candidates at its regular meeting to-night. Mr. J. W. Fleet will act as organist.

—The steambath *Driver* will be in port for a trip to Fayetteville this morning. She went on the last trip only as far as Willis' Creek and will be here on her regular schedule to-day.

—The STAR is glad to announce that the condition of Captain John Cowan was somewhat improved yesterday. Mr. James H. Cowan, his son, is expected to arrive from Wilmington, Mass., this morning at 9:45 o'clock.

—The American steamship *Roscoe*, Captain Hand, lumber laden, from Jacksonville to Philadelphia, which put in here several days ago leaking and with the after thrush of her engine broken, has completed repairs and will proceed this morning on her voyage.

—A sociable was given last night at the residence of Mrs. B. H. J. Abrams, on Seventh and Market streets, for the benefit of the fund being raised to put stone curbing around St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. There was a good attendance and the affair was quite successful. There was some enjoyable instrumental and vocal music, and choice refreshments were served. A goodly sum was realized.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Y. M. C. A.—Soto Sunetaro.  
W. M. Cumming—House for sale.  
King Grocery Co.—Announcement.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. John W. Pereogy, of Philadelphia, is in the city.

—Col. James G. Kenan, of Kenansville, is in the city.

—Col. H. M. Drane, of Armour, is in the city on business.

—Mr. W. W. Fitzhugh, of Parkton, is in the city on business.

—Dr. W. W. Gaither, of Rocky Point, is in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. B. H. Baker, of Dunn, arrived in the city on business last evening.

—Mr. R. D. Carr, of Xenia, Duplin county, is in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. A. K. Wilder, of Chatsauqua, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

—Col. W. F. French, of Lumberton, was in the city on professional business yesterday.

—Mr. Geo. H. Hanes, representing the Continental Tobacco Company, is at the Orton.

—Mr. C. M. Hobbs, of Philadelphia, was among the travelling men who arrived at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. Charles A. Clayton, pleasantly remembered here as the "strong man" with Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's show, is in the city for a short visit.

—Mr. S. B. Horton, the popular travelling representative of Ogleby's Cider Works, Lynchburg, Va., is in the city calling on the trade. He is accompanied by his wife.

—Mrs. C. C. Livingston and children, with the exception of Miss Lela, who will remain in the city for some time, the guest of her friend, Miss Fanny VanAmringe, left yesterday for Boston, which city they will make their future home. Mr. Livingston has been in Boston for several weeks.

**Sanitary Drainage.**  
In accordance with plans drawn by City Engineer Jos. H. McRae and Alderman Hugh McRae, chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee, Superintendent of Streets Perry yesterday began, in the vicinity of Seventh and Orange streets, the system of sanitary drainage, for which an appropriation of \$5,000 was recently made by the Board of Aldermen. Three horse shovels and three carts were employed in the work yesterday and today others will be put on. It is learned that additional men will be employed to push the work and several new teams purchased.

**At the Y. M. C. A.**  
The International Grand Concert Company, the third party of entertainments to appear in the Star Course of entertainments at the Y. M. C. A., delighted a large audience last evening with a concert of unusually high class. The concert was in two parts, embracing fourteen classical selections of merit, which were admirably rendered by a corps of competent artists.

**Ordered to Virginia.**  
Under orders of Surgeon General Wyman, Dr. C. P. Wertenbaker, surgeon in charge of the Marine Hospital here, will leave this morning via the A. & Y. railroad for Martinsville, Va., a small place near Danville, for the purpose of investigating officially the smallpox situation in that town. He will return in a few days.

### SEAMEN'S SOCIETY.

The Forty-seventh Annual Meeting Was Held on Tuesday Afternoon.

### OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.

The Society Out of Debt—A New Bethel to Be Erected—Nearly 8,000 Was the Attendance of Sailors at the Library Last Year.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society, of the port of Wilmington, was held last Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the Reading Room of the Sailors' Home, on Front and Dock streets. The meeting was organized by calling Mr. James Sprunt to the chair. Col. W. J. Woodward was requested to act as secretary.

The Rev. A. D. McClure, chaplain, opened the proceedings with prayer. The president, secretary, treasurer, chaplain, librarian and the various committees submitted their reports and the report of Rev. A. D. McClure the motions were received and ordered on file.

The report of Mr. James Sprunt, the president, is quite lengthy, giving in detail all the facts pertaining to the foundation of the Society, sixty-five years ago, its progress and present condition. As a historical document of local value it is invaluable and should be read in full to convey an idea of its importance. Among the recommendations of the president, he urged that the building now occupied as the Bethel, or house for holding religious services, be torn down and a new house erected. This will be done at no distant day.

On motion of the Rev. A. D. McClure, his grateful thanks of the Society were extended to the president for the most admirable executive report, combining a sketch of the history of the Society from its infancy in 1835 to the present time, with statistical facts, requiring much labor and great patience in compiling—a document for dissemination and preservation. This motion met with a hearty second from all present and prevailed. Mr. N. Jacobi moved that 1,000 copies of the report be printed in pamphlet form for gratuitous distribution. The motion was adopted.

**The Society Out of Debt.**  
The secretary's report was as follows: Since our last annual meeting the Board of Trustees has been called together but once, then to consider suitable resolution of respect to the memory of Mr. George Harris. Your secretary had published in the city papers the resolutions adopted and transmitted a copy to the family of the deceased as directed.

The property known as Mt. Tirah is occupied by Mr. John McKinney, free of rent, in consideration of his taking care to preserve the timber. We would recommend that it be leased for a term of years to a reliable party.

The claim against the U. S. Government remains unadjusted. It seems impossible to obtain any information from attorney G. W. Z. Black as to the present status of the claim. It is doubtful as to any progress being made in its present condition and would advise that the matter be laid before our Congressman, Hon. John D. Bellamy.

**W. J. WOODWARD,**  
Secretary.

The report of Col. W. J. Woodward, the treasurer, shows among other items, the following: Balance on hand Feb. 6, 1899, \$828.60; annual dues \$18; donation from the American Seamen's Friend Society, \$400; rent from W. J. Penny & Co. for store, \$480; rent from W. J. Kirkham for store, \$379.92; rent from H. G. Christoffersen for the Seamen's Home, \$180; interest from funds in Wilmington Savings & Trust Co., \$24.23. Total, \$2,310.75. The expenditures include the following items: Paid Rev. A. D. McClure, chaplain, \$150; other ministers assisting, \$130; organist and soprano, \$104; H. G. Christoffersen, librarian, \$80; papers, periodicals and stationery, \$36.13; fuel, lights, etc., \$51.33; insurance on \$7,280 property, repairs, \$174.30; shipwrecked sailors, \$17; furniture, \$15; balance on mortgage, \$100; interest on mortgage, \$45; incidentals, \$6.45. Total, \$2,176.21. Balance on hand (in Savings Bank) \$134.54.

Mr. N. Jacobi, chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported that the books and assets of the treasurer for the past year were correct and the books kept very neatly and nicely.

**Chaplain's Report.**  
The report of Rev. A. D. McClure, the chaplain, says the year just closed has been the most satisfactory in the religious work of the society. Services were held at 8 P. M. every Sunday, the preaching having been done by the chaplain and Rev. F. Bumpass, Rev. Milton A. Barber, Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, Rev. R. R. Windley, Rev. Alex. Sprunt, D. D., Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Rev. Dr. Flagg, Rev. Dr. McRae, Rev. Dr. Voigt and the Rev. John H. Hall. Col. Woodward is commended for regular attendance and for looking after the music, and Miss White, the soprano, is mentioned for being regular in attendance, faithful and acceptable. The organist and Mr. Christoffersen are commended for their services.

Col. W. J. Woodward and Capt. Jas. I. Metts and James McDougald, of the committee on public worship, re-organizing that services were held every Sunday afternoon at the Bethel. The chaplain and the various ministers of the city who have assisted him were commended, as was also Miss White, the soprano and Misses Burti and Muse,

organists. The average attendance at the services each Sunday was 49 persons.  
Capt. James I. Metts, chairman of the committee on rentals and repairs, made his report, and a special vote of thanks was extended for his earnest faithful work.

Messrs. James W. Price and R. W. Hicks of the library committee reported that they visited the library weekly the past year and found things orderly, the attendance good during the winter, and the librarian, Mr. H. G. Christoffersen, at his post.

The report of Mr. H. G. Christoffersen, the librarian, shows that during the last year, the library and reading room had 8,861 visits, of which 7,743 were from sailors and 618 from citizens. Last year there were 6,896 visits from sailors and 359 from citizens, showing a total of 7,255. The increase in attendance the past year has been 1,106, of which 847 were sailors and 259 citizens.

**Officers Elected.**  
After the hearing of reports, the following board of trustees was elected for the ensuing year: Mr. James Sprunt, Col. Roger Moore, Capt. Jas. I. Metts, Col. W. J. Woodward, Mr. R. W. Hicks, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Rev. A. D. McClure, Rev. John H. Hall, Capt. John Cowan, Rev. M. A. Barber, Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, and Messrs. T. E. Sprunt, N. Jacobi, James McDougald and James W. Price.

The Board of Trustees convened immediately after the meeting of the Society, with Mr. N. Jacobi in the chair and Col. W. J. Woodward as secretary.

The following officers were elected: President—Capt. James I. Metts. Vice President—Col. Roger Moore. Secretary and Treasurer—Col. W. J. Woodward.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, Capt. John Cowan and Mr. Jas. Sprunt were elected to constitute the executive committee, with the president, vice president and secretary.

The following were appointed: Committee on Rentals and Repairs—Mr. James Sprunt, Capt. James I. Metts and Mr. T. E. Sprunt. Committee on Public Worship—Col. W. J. Woodward, Capt. James I. Metts, and Capt. James McDougald. Committee on Reading Room and Home—Capt. John Cowan, Mr. James Price and Mr. James Sprunt. Auditing Committee—Mr. N. Jacobi and Capt. James McDougald.

An appropriation of \$150 was made for the reading room, the committee to pay the salary of the librarian and janitor and incidental expenses.

Mr. H. G. Christoffersen's appointment as librarian was confirmed. The nominations of the Rev. Milton A. Barber as chaplain for the ensuing year, Miss Anna Sprunt as organist, and Miss Carrie White as soprano were confirmed.

Remarks were made by all the members of the Board of Trustees with regard to Rev. A. D. McClure, than whom the Society has no firmer friend, nor one more ready to give his time and talents to its advancement and for its benefits. Although severing his connection as chaplain, he has promised to give his earnest co-operation in all efforts to extend the influence of the Society for good. A rising vote of thanks on motion of Mr. James W. Price, was tendered to the former chaplain.

The Board of Trustees then adjourned.

### THE KING GROCERY COMPANY.

Mr. Jas. H. Davis Has Purchased Interest and Becomes Manager.

It is announced this morning that Mr. Jas. H. Davis, formerly Master Car Builder at the A. C. L. shops, has purchased an interest in the business of The King Grocery Company, near Fourth street bridge, and will enter upon the duties of manager of the store at once. There will be no changes in the spot cash principles upon which the business was established and which has made it one of the most ideal in the city for the past two and a half years. Mr. Davis invites his friends to call on him at the store and Mr. B. F. King, the retiring manager, desires to express his appreciation and gratitude to the public for their generous patronage during the past and hopes the same generous patronage, in increased proportions, will be bestowed upon the business under its new management.

**Bellamy—Dockery Case.**  
Yesterday's Charlotte *Observer* says: "Mr. F. I. Osborne will leave to-night for Washington, D. C. He is one of the counsel for Congressman Bellamy in the contested election case of Dockery vs. Bellamy, which comes up the last of the week." Mr. Osborne states that he has content that Mr. Bellamy will retain his seat, and no unfavorable inference is drawn from the fact that Congress is on the eve of assembling.

"Bellamy," said Mr. Osborne, "got 5,000 more votes than Dockery. It is not easy to quibble over a majority of that size."

**Information of a Brother.**  
Mrs. H. E. Orr, No. 480 Bute street, Norfolk, Va., widow of the late Capt. Henry E. Orr, formerly of Wilmington and for many years foreman of the STAR newspaper department, writes inquiring for information as to the whereabouts of her brother, Mr. John T. Moore. He left Norfolk about four years ago and Mrs. Orr writes that she is confident that he is in North Carolina somewhere.

For sale—7,155 acres virgin long leaf pine, near Wilmington. Sold cheap to quick cash purchaser. Piedmont Lumber Company, Charlotte, N. C.

### PREPARATIONS FOR CENSUS.

City Divided into Fifteen Districts for Convenience of Enumerators—Mr. Lewis Goes to Newbera.

D. J. Lewis, Esq., of Whiteville, Census Supervisor of the Third District, whose presence in the city to subdivide the various wards into convenient districts for the census enumerators was noted in the STAR several days ago, yesterday finished up his preliminary work here and left in the afternoon for Newbera, upon a similar mission to that one upon which he was here.

The city has been divided into 15 districts with respect to the number of persons residing in each. Six divisions of the first ward have been made; the second ward in itself constitutes one district; the third and fourth wards have been divided into two districts each, marked by Seventh and Fourth streets respectively and of the fifth ward four divisions have been made.

A census enumerator, recommended by Mr. Lewis, will be appointed by the Washington authorities for each district and the work will be begun Jan. 1st and completed by July 1st. The enumerators are paid by the name and it is calculated that each will receive about \$100 for the month's work. An office will be opened in the city to which each canvasser will report daily.

### A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.

Is What the Rochester News Says of Entertainment by Herrmann, the Great. At the Opera House To-night.

"Herrmann, the Great," in a wonderful exhibition of legerdemain and magic will prove a drawing card at the Wilmington Opera House to-night.

Of this mysterious performance, the Rochester (N. Y.) News of a recent date says: "Herrmann, the great, the only, the mysterious, the white Magistral, the American Black Art, is the greatest of his lives in spirit in the corporal form of his brother Leon, who gave a wonderful exhibition of legerdemain and magic at the Black Art, in the city of New York, at the 'S. R. O.' house. Leon Herrmann fully deserves to wear the mantle of his brother and evinces this fact by his mystifying, clever sleight of hand tricks. There are, of course, some minor points which show a rough edge, but they sink into oblivion when he reaches out after greater deeds. The Tub of Neptune, the deception of the Maid of the Moon and the Golden Butterfly were some of the best tricks performed. The Tub of Neptune is, in fact, the eye and optical illusions are not things of the past was abundantly exemplified by the digital manipulation of Herrmann. The four Ladies are the greatest novelty musicians on the stage. Altogether the Baker theatre presents an excellent show which is well worth the entrance fee that it received last night."

**INJURED IN A RUNAWAY.**  
Sheriff McLeod, of Robeson, and His Father Had a Narrow Escape.  
Sheriff George B. McLeod, of Robeson county, and his venerable father, Mr. A. H. McLeod, were seriously injured in a runaway while out driving near Lumberton Tuesday afternoon. The horse attached to the buggy became frightened by a dog and jumped the fence of a narrow lane through which they were driving and subsequently ran, smashing up the buggy and throwing both gentlemen to the ground. The sheriff suffered a fracture of the right arm and a dislocation of the left shoulder. There was also severe contusion about the shoulder-blade. His father received a severe blow on the side of the head, either from falling or from a rail which caught in the wheel.

The following special telegram was received by the STAR last night: "Sheriff McLeod and his father, Mr. A. H. McLeod, who were so badly injured by a runaway horse yesterday, are both resting comfortably. The sheriff's right arm is broken just above the wrist; his left arm was severely wrenched and he insists that his left shoulder-blade is broken. He is doing as well as could be expected. Mr. A. H. McLeod received a severe contusion on the right side of the head and his spine was severely wrenched and is very sore, but he is also doing well. It was a narrow escape for both."

**Paper Thief Captured.**  
The following from the Columbia States of yesterday should serve as a timely warning to miscreants indulging in the practice in Wilmington: Yesterday morning a member of the State's business force succeeded in capturing a thirteen-year-old negro boy who has been going to various residences behind the carriers early in the mornings and stealing copies of the State left for subscribers. He had a bundle of such stolen papers and was offering them for sale on the streets when caught. He acknowledged that he had been getting papers in this way. He was given the option of 30 days on the chain-gang or 90 lashes on his bare back. He chose the latter punishment and was taken to the city jail where an officer applied the leather to good effect.

**Gilbert Gives Bond.**  
A Winston, N. C., special to the Raleigh News and Observer says: "W. H. Gilbert, who was arrested in San Francisco and brought back to Winston to wait trial in the Federal Court upon the charge of defrauding his creditors, gave bond and was released from jail this afternoon."

### SEDGELEY HALL CLUB.

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night—Arrangements Made to Repair the Storm Damages.

In response to the call there was a large and enthusiastic meeting of Sedgeley Hall Club last night at the rooms of the Wilmington Merchants' Association. Col. W. A. Johnson, president of the club, presided and Mr. W. A. Willson, Jr., the secretary, was present.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the outlook and make arrangements for the approaching season. After the president had stated the object of the meeting the affairs of the club were generally discussed, and action was taken to immediately raise a fund to repair the slight damage done by the August storm and to pay off the entire floating debt.

It was evinced by the enthusiasm of the members in responding to the object that there will be no difficulty in raising all the money necessary for the needs of the club and to place it on a good financial basis. The determination was expressed by all the members present to make this season the most successful in the history of the club.

### COTTON AT EIGHT CENTS.

Several Sales Were Made at This Figure Tuesday and Yesterday.

A number of sales of cotton were reported on the local market yesterday and the day before at eight cents for middling, and a well known commission man intimated to a STAR representative yesterday that good cotton would bring even a higher price than that named. It is, however, now about definitely settled that there is very little stock in the hands of the farmer or in the country, all of it having been sold by the producer at a lower figure, and the advance at this period will, therefore, not inure to his benefit to any great degree.

"The rise will only serve," said a cotton man yesterday, "to induce the farmer to put in a larger acreage the coming year and raise a five-cent crop for next fall." The official quotations yesterday were on a basis of only 7 1/2 cents, but with New York spot at 8 1/2 cents, it is easy to see how a material advance over the local figures could have been realized. The tone of the market is firm with light receipts.

### Impromptu German Last Night.

The German given last night in the Masonic Temple ball room by a number of the clubmen of L'Arlotte and L'Agile Clubs was a brilliant affair. Haywood's Raleigh Band furnished the music for the occasion, and about twenty-five couples participated. The German was led by Mr. Wm. J. Bellamy, and those dancing were: Wm. J. Bellamy with Miss Della Clark; H. M. Chase with Miss Mary Calder; Howell Fry with Miss Fanny Williams, of Fayetteville; Henry Peschau with Miss Marie Peschau; Jas. Stevenson with Miss Sue McQueen; Edwin Metts with Miss Olivia Armstrong; T. W. Davis with Miss Sarah Kenan; George Crow with Miss Annie Kidder; Henry McMillan with Miss Mabel Powers; Oscar Peck with Miss Jeanie Peck; Orest Angell with Miss Kate Maffitt; Frederick Diok with Miss Elizabeth DeRosset; James Black with Miss Emma West; Joseph Cotton, of Tarboro, with Miss Ida Brown; Thos. H. Wright with Miss Carrie Wright; O. A. Wiggins, Jr., with Miss Louise Bunting; Robert Rankin with Miss Kate Harlowe; Champ Davis with Miss Anna Peck, and Henry McFarlane with Miss Mae O'Connor.

### Celebrated Their "Tin" Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kingsbury celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage by a "tin" wedding last evening at their residence, No. 21 South Sixth street. The interior of their elegant home was decorated with palms, ferns, carnations and potted plants. The reception was from eight to eleven o'clock and during this time the many invited guests were going and coming. The popularity of these young married folk was evinced by the large number of rarely beautiful and useful presents.

During the evening the guests were entertained with vocal and instrumental music, and refreshments were served.

### Mr. Soto Sunetaro.

The fourth number of the popular course of entertainments at the Y. M. C. A. will be by Mr. Soto Sunetaro on Friday evening next. According to the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, he drew a very large audience at the Association Hall upon the occasion of his performance there. It says: "This Japanese singer has a fantastic dexterity and nimbleness in a variety of magic experiments was greatly admired. The evening passed most agreeably, as an evening will be, when the spectators are pleasantly mystified."

The box sheet opens this morning at "Yates' Book Store," admission being 50c general, and 75c reserved.

**Gypsy Palmists.**  
Two of a band of six or eight gypsy palmists operating in the city were arraigned in Justice Fowler's court yesterday morning for non-payment of the required State license of \$35. They were recognized until Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M., but it is tacitly understood they will not put in an appearance but will leave the city and county. If they do not appear, it is very probable that all concerned will be satisfied.

### "POLITICS IN PENDER."

Democratic Executive Committee Call a County Convention February 28th—Primary Election February 17th.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Pender county met at Burgaw on Monday and called the county convention to meet at that place on Wednesday, February 28th, and appointed Saturday, February 17th, for the holding of a primary election throughout the county for the election of delegates to the convention.

The county convention will name delegates to the State Convention, which meets at Raleigh April 11th, and select delegates to the senatorial and judicial conventions.

### Fire Near Land.

A telephone message to Mr. B. F. Penny from Leland, Brunswick county, yesterday morning brought information of the burning of his steam grist mill and store, about one mile this side of the village. The fire caught from a flue leading through the ceiling of a room in the rear of the store early in the morning, and with the assistance of several neighbors it was thought at first that the flames had been extinguished. The fire broke out later, however, and completely destroyed the mill and store house, together with a small house at the back of the store. The stock of goods in the store belonged to Mr. E. E. Truelove, and was partly saved. Mr. Penny estimates his loss at \$1,500, with insurance on same of \$700.

### Discharged Yesterday.

Dr. McMillan yesterday released from quarantine four of the colored persons who were detained at the pest house on account of exposure to the cases of smallpox in quarantine. Two of these were from the city and the other two were from Masonboro Sound. Dennis Perkins, one of those discharged, asks the STAR to state that the inmates of the house are given the best of attention. He thinks that the officials have faithfully discharged their duty in every particular, and it is needless to state that he was rejoiced to be released from confinement.

### Will Be Married To-day.

Mr. John H. Gore, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Albert Gore, Mrs. L. B. Rogers, Mr. Cuthbert Martin and Mr. Claude Gore, left yesterday for Wake Forest College, where this afternoon at 2 o'clock he will be united in marriage to Miss Mary Alice Brewer, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Brewer. The party will return Friday and Mr. Gore and wife will be at home to friends at the home of Mrs. Fannie J. Mitchell, No. 7 South Fourth street.

### Mayor's Court.

Willie Pugh, the negro arrested Tuesday night by Policeman Guy for the larceny of an overcoat from Wright Robinson, also colored, was sent over to the county jail by the Mayor yesterday in default of \$50 bond for his appearance at Criminal Court. Rebecca Green, colored, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was fined \$5; and Joe Stokes, colored, was required to pay the cost in a case against him for disorderly conduct.

### No Quorum Present.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics' Home Association was not held last night at the City Hall as was appointed. There was no quorum present and the meeting is therefore adjourned, subject to a call of the President.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Clarendon Saving and Loan Company was likewise postponed last night.

### DIED.

**PATISON—MRS. JANE W. PATISON**, grand-daughter of Mrs. Bessie Morris and the wife of Mr. J. W. Patison, died at the residence of her children and a husband to mourn their loss.

Funeral services at St. Luke's Church this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.