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OUTLINES.

The Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroad will operate the R. F. & P. railroad. — Doors claim to have been taken Ladybrand from the British. — President McKinley tells McKinley. — Republicans that he cannot die arm the militia of either faction in that State. — The British at Bloemfontein are preparing for a forward movement. — Gen. Joubert, the Boer commander, died from stomach complaint at Pretoria. — George W. Clark, of Macon, Ga., arrested for robbery at Perry, Ga. — Compulsory vaccination is to be enforced at Savannah, Ga. — Savannah Cotton Exchange makes a ruling in favor of the standard square bale for the coming season. — Governor Russell has offered the Judgeship of the Circuit Criminal Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to Chas. A. Cook, Esq., of Warrenton. — Judge Dossey Battle, of the Criminal Court, died yesterday at his home in Rocky Mount. — N. Y. markets: Money on call steady; actual transactions at 3 1/2 to 4 percent; cotton quiet, middle up; lands 2 1/2; flour moderately active; sugar, wheat—spot steady, No. 3 red 80 1/2 c; corn, spot steady, No. 2 45 1/2 c; rosin steady, strained common to good \$1.70; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28
Temperatures: S. A. M., 49 degrees;
8 P. M., 36 degrees; maximum, 66
degrees; minimum, 45 degrees; mean, 56
degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .14; rainfall
since 1st of the month up to date, 3.04
inches.
FORECAST FOR TODAY.
WASHINGTON March 28.—For North
Carolina—Fair Thursday, and proba-
bly Friday; fresh north to east winds.
PORT ALABAMA—March 29.
Sun Rise 5:51 A. M.
Sun Sets 6:20 P. M.
Day's Length 12:29
High Water at Southampton, 6:49 A. M.
High Water Wilmington, 9:19 P. M.

A New York man who wants to utilize the wardrobe left by his deceased wife, advertises for another wife who will not be too stuck up to wear the clothes.

Kruger means in Boer talk "a latent keeper." But Paul has been for some time engaged in the business of lion tail twister, at which he succeeded pretty well until they got too many for him.

There are thousands of people threatened with or dying of starvation in British India, but the Britons are thinking more of grabbing those gold fields in the Transvaal than of those starving millions.

It is said that 125,000 voters didn't vote at the last municipal election in Philadelphia. But when it comes to howling over bad management of city affairs these 125,000 at-homes will be heard from.

Mr. Parrish, a gay old denizen of Baltimore, celebrated his 93d birthday a few days ago, and is proud of the record that he was never ill a day in his life, though none of his 21 children and grandchildren could probably say as much.

Mark Hanna says the reported interview in the Washington Star with a Republican Congressman in which he said the Porto Rican tariff bill was the outcome of a dicker for campaign funds, is a "malicious lie." But who would believe Hanna? and besides the Star says its man will swear to the truth of the statement in the interview.

The Philadelphia Press, Represses to remark that it is a mistake to assume that the Filipino is "a white man in a yellow skin," for he is "a yellow man in a yellow skin." This paper is owned by one of Mr. McKinley's cabinet, who seems to object to the yellow skinned man, Mr. McKinley is trying to assimilate with powder and shot.

The canned fruits and vegetables put up in this country are estimated at \$47,000,000, valuing the stuff at an average of \$2 a case. There are 3,000 canneries which turn out annually 6,000,000 cases of tomatoes, 5,500,000 of corn, 2,000,000 of peas, and 10,000,000 of peaches and other fruits and vegetables, a total of 23,500,000 cases. But there are very few canneries in the South, which is by long odds the best section for them.

To give tit for tat the city of Atlanta declined to invite Admiral Dewey to take in that town on his Southern tour. Some of the Georgia Congressmen telegraphed the mayor that if he was invited he would accept the invitation, and the mayor telegraphed back that Atlanta didn't want him. She got her back up because he gifted her last November after accepting an invitation to come, and didn't forget it.

ASSESSMENT CASE.

Before Standing Master Shepherd in the Railroad Tax Valuation Matter.

HEARD IN U. S. COURT ROOM.

Officers of Private Corporations Refuse to Permit an Examination of Their Books—The Matter Referred to Judge Simonton.

The hearing of evidence in the railroad tax assessment cases, reference to which was made in the STAR yesterday, was begun yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the United States Court room before Hon. James E. Shepherd, Standing Master of the U. S. Circuit Court of Equity, which court is presided over by Judge Simonton, who will pass upon the matter of whether the Corporation Commission is assessing the properties of the A. C. L., S. A. L. and Southern railroad systems in the State at a higher valuation for taxation than other property in the State is assessed.

The railroad companies are represented by Messrs. George Rountree, of Wilmington; R. O. Burton, of Raleigh; Charles Price, of Salisbury; and Maj. John D. Shaw, of Rockingham. The Corporation Commission is represented by Hon. H. G. Connor, of Wilson, and Jas. H. Pott of Raleigh. Hon. Franklin McNeill, chairman of the defendant Corporation Commission, is also in attendance upon the hearing, as are also quite a number of other attorneys, who are guarding the interests of several private corporations, the officers of which are summoned as witnesses. Miss Stella Shiri is engaged as Court stenographer.

The complainants opened their case by introducing as a witness Mr. W. H. Biddle, Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, who testified as to the valuation of property of individuals and private corporations in the county. He referred frequently to the record and admitted that the County Commissioners had in many instances reduced the valuation of property as fixed by the assessing board.

Capt. A. L. DeBussat, one of the list makers, was also examined as to the valuation of property in New Hanover county, and at 1 o'clock an adjournment was taken until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

In the afternoon Mr. J. W. Norwood, president of the Atlantic National Bank, testified as to the valuation of property in the county and also as to the value of certain railroad stock owned by him. In the latter part some technicality arose and the record was arranged for presentation to Judge Simonton as to the relevancy of certain questions asked the witness regarding the comparative valuation of properties in which he is interested.

The next witness was Capt. Henry Savage, secretary and treasurer of the Acme Manufacturing Company, and it was sought to prove by him that the property of his corporation is not valued for taxation at more than its actual value, while that of railroad corporations is assessed at full valuation.

The order for Capt. Savage's appearance enjoined him to bring for the examination of the court the books of the company, showing the gross earnings and net profits of the corporation. He was asked the usual preliminary questions and upon a request for the books of the company, according to advice of counsel, he refused to produce them. The net and gross earnings of the company are wanted by the court to assist them in determining the actual value of the Acme Manufacturing Company's plant, as it would be valued at more or less in proportion to the profit accruing from its operation.

The question was argued for the testifying witness by Messrs. E. K. Bryan, Eugene S. Martin, of this city, and Cameron Morrison, of Rockingham, who are attorneys for several corporations, the managers of which have received like summon to appear with their books, to which the attorneys for witnesses object on the ground that the net and gross earnings of the private corporations are irrelevant and incompetent as testimony, and that if relevant and competent, it is depriving the witnesses of valued property rights without due process of law; that the privacy and secrecy of their business affairs are valuable and protected under provisions of the constitution. Informal argument upon the question at point was had and an adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock this morning, when the record and objection to the *in rem* summons will be arranged for presentation to Judge Simonton, who will pass upon the constitutionality of the requirement. After this arrangement is made it is very probable that a recess will be taken until a decision is reached down by Judge Simonton upon the question.

A test case of the Acme Manufacturing Company will be made to determine the right of the Court to require it of the books referred to, and as there are numerous other private corporations, who have received similar summon to that of the secretary of the Acme Company, the attorneys for all will join hands to confront such action if possible.

Capt. T. W. Fisher and Mr. Tom Roberts, of Newbern, representing Messrs. Stewart & Skinner, Baltimore, are in the city, calling on the trade.

LOCAL DOTS.

A "pound offering" will be made for the Old Ladies' Home at the prayer service of the First Baptist Church to-night.

The last case of diphtheria, at the residence of Mr. Ohas. Myer, No. 408 Chestnut street, was discharged from quarantine yesterday.

There was nothing doing in spirits turpentine on the local market yesterday. Receipts were 10 casks. Crude was quiet at \$2.00 to \$2.25 with receipts of 27 barrels.

Two negro laborers engaged in a fight near corner of Water and Chesnut streets yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, and the occurrence drew a large crowd to witness the fist exhibition.

The Junior Epworth League of Grace M. E. Church will give an entertainment this evening in the lecture room of the building. A programme of music and recitations has been prepared.

The steamer *Southport* brought up a number of the Caswell officers yesterday morning and remained in port until 6 o'clock last evening in order to allow them as much time in the city as possible.

The negro drayman Tom Lucas, who was shot in trying to evade arrest Tuesday afternoon, was doing very well at the City Hospital yesterday. The balls were extracted and the flesh wound about the head was dressed.

Rev. Edward Wootton has received a copy of the Manila, P. I., American, of date January 17th, containing an account of the battle of Pulo Bridge in which his son, Adjutant Bradley J. Wootton, was so actively engaged.

The rank of Knight was conferred upon one candidate at the meeting of Jefferson Lodge No. 1, K. of P., last night. Members of the degree team for the District meeting here April 10th, also had a practice last night and are progressing nicely.

There will be a "coffee party" at the residence of Mrs. C. W. Felovogt, N. 513 Prince street this afternoon and tonight from 4 to 10 o'clock. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Fence Fund of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and members of the congregation and their friends are invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Best fruit.
S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
Notice—Democratic County Conv'n.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.
Murchison National Bank—Capital \$300,000.
Guardian Security Trust and Deposit Co.—Capital \$300,000.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

R. H. Grant—Gas fitter and plumber.

Democratic County Conventions.

All interest in local politics now centers in the Democratic County Convention which has been called to meet in the Court House Saturday at 12 o'clock noon. An official call to this end is printed in the advertising columns of the STAR this morning, and the advertisement sets forth the purposes of the convention as for the ratification "of the nominees made at the primaries for the General Assembly and to transact such other business as may come before them." The matter of the State Senatorial squabble between Mr. Iredeil Meares and Capt. George L. Morton will also be considered and probably indirectly decided one way or another.

The Vote from Harrett.

Official returns from the second primary in the missing precinct in Harrett township were received yesterday and as predicted by the STAR yesterday morning, the general result was not changed. The vote was Willard, 4; Emlip, 32; Walton, 21; Stokes, 14. The majority of Mr. Willard was decreased to 87 and that of Dr. Stokes to 644.

The Polls were regularly opened by the poll holder in Federal Point township but no votes were cast.

Richmond People Here.

Quite a number of witnesses before the Master's hearing in the U. S. Courts room here are parties interested in the several cotton mills in Richmond county. Among those who are here are Cameron Morrison, Esq., attorney for the Pee Dee Mills, of Rockingham; the Roberdel Manufacturing Company, of Roberdel; and the Steele Mill, near Rockingham; Messrs. R. A. Johnson, G. P. Entwistle, H. D. Gibson, J. L. G. Everett, and Rod MacRae, of Laurinburg.

Drawing Contest.

Mrs. E. O. Willey will have a number of her friends at The Orton this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of conducting a "drawing contest" for a handsome hand worked pillow which she has designed for a charitable purpose. Those interested in the contest are respectfully invited to assemble in the parlors of The Orton at the hour named.

Married Across the River.

A clandestine marriage was celebrated last night at 8 o'clock at the office of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry Company across the river. The contracting parties were Miss Lella Gore, of Brunswick county, to Mr. Wm. E. Keator, of this city. Rev. Mr. Curtis, of Brunswick county, was the officiating minister.

STATE SENATORSHIP.

Majority of Brunswick Delegates Instructed to Vote for Iredeil Meares, Esq.

THE CONVENTION YESTERDAY

Large Gathering at Lockwood's Folly—Three Out of Four Delegates Are Against Morton—Aycock and Waddell Endorsed.

Wilmington's delegation which attended the Brunswick county convention at Lockwood's Folly, yesterday, returned last night.

Much interest was manifested in the meeting, as upon the occasion it was known that the Brunswick Democrats would take final action upon the State Senatorial question, which has become quite interesting, as between Capt. George L. Morton, who was nominated at the New Hanover Democratic primaries last Thursday, and Mr. Iredeil Meares, who is also a candidate before the convention. The action of the convention is best told in the following special telegram, which was received last night from the STAR's special correspondent at Southport:

SOUTHPORT, N. C., March 28.—The Brunswick County Democratic Convention met at Lockwood's Folly today for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, also the District Senatorial Convention, composed of Brunswick and New Hanover.

Of the four delegates to the Senatorial Convention three were instructed to vote for Iredeil Meares and one for George L. Morton, both of New Hanover.

The delegates to the State Convention were instructed to vote for Charles E. Aycock for Governor, and to vote for an endorsement of Hon. A. M. Waddell, of New Hanover, for the United States Senate.

There was a very large gathering at the convention and everything passed off quietly.

Mr. Meares and Capt. Morton addressed the convention and set forth their respective claims. Mr. Meares contended that according to the State plan of organization the two counties comprising the tenth district had in hand the nomination of a candidate; that each candidate had a right to representation in the convention in proportion to the vote as received in the primaries. He further set forth his claims as embodied in a letter addressed to Brunswick Democrats, which was published several days ago in these columns.

Capt. Morton, in his speech to the convention, contended that he was the regular nominee of the Democratic party in New Hanover county, as was evidenced by the result of the primaries held last Thursday, and that as this was the year, according to a long established custom, for New Hanover to name the candidate, that he was entitled to the endorsement of the convention.

The meeting of delegates to the Senatorial Convention to be held here was then entered into with the result as given in the special telegram printed above.

Brunswick is entitled to a representation of 16 votes in the Senatorial convention, which will be called to meet here later and New Hanover county is entitled to a representation of 45. According to the instruction given the Brunswick delegation, therefore, Mr. Meares will have 13 votes of their number and Mr. Morton 4. The total vote of this convention is 51 and it is therefore apparent that 31 votes is required to give a majority for either candidate. The contest will now shift to New Hanover, and it will be a question as to which of the candidates will receive enough of the strength accorded New Hanover to make his majority certain.

A friend of Capt. Morton, who returned last night, stated that while there was a large crowd in attendance upon the Brunswick convention, there were two townships—Waccamaw and Northwest—which were not represented at all.

ATLANTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Application Made for Charter for New Wilmington Enterprise Yesterday.

Application was made yesterday afternoon to the Clerk of the Superior Court for a charter for the Atlantic Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington. Its capital stock will be \$3,000, divided into 30 shares of the par value of \$100 each, and the company reserves the right to increase its capital stock, which is non-assessable, to \$50,000, as the business may demand.

The corporation is formed for the purpose of the manufacture and sale of baking powder, snuff and tobacco, and a duration of thirty years is asked for. The incorporators are Messrs. O. W. Worth, Jno. F. McNair, H. L. Volders, S. P. McNair and D. L. Gore, all prominent wholesale merchants on the wharf.

A STAR reporter was informed by one of the incorporators yesterday evening that at first only the manufacture of soda and baking powder will be undertaken. The office and plant will be on North Water street.

Death of John F. McCabe.

News has been received in the city of the death in Baltimore of Mr. John F. McCabe, once a resident of Wilmington and a half-brother of Mrs. G. W. Linder, of this city. He was a son of Mrs. Mary E. McGarity, and his death occurred Monday morning of Bright's disease. His mother was with him at the time of his death.

Durham correspondence Raleigh News and Observer: "Misses Lillian G. Burton and Mary Cole, who have been for the winter in New York under the vocal instruction of Mrs. W. H. Green, returned this evening. Miss Cole will spend a few days with Miss Burton before returning to her home in Wilmington, N. C."

JUDGE DOSSEY BATTLE.

Died Yesterday Morning at His Home in Rocky Mount, N. C. After an Illness of Two Weeks.

Judge Dossey Battle, of the Eastern District Circuit Criminal Court, died yesterday morning at 7:40 o'clock at his home at Rocky Mount, N. C., after a two-week's illness with a gripple and heart complications.

The news came early yesterday morning in the nature of a private telegram to a friend in the city and it was received with unfeigned sorrow by a wide circle of Judge Battle's friends and acquaintances here.

He had been appointed to hold court in this city March 19th, but the term had to be continued on account of his sickness, which was announced in these columns at the time. Later it was reported that Judge Battle was doing well and on the road to a rapid recovery. His friends were gratified to learn of his improvement and the announcement of his death yesterday morning came as a surprise to all.

Judge Battle was well and favorably known in Wilmington. In his earlier life he was engaged in the newspaper business at Barbours and later was engaged here on the editorial staff of the *Messenger* and for a short time in Wilmington Judge Battle entered into practice of the legal profession and for some time travelled in the interest of the Keeley Institute. He was a versatile writer, a fluent speaker and an able lawyer. He presided with ability and dignity as a judge of the court and was very popular over his district.

Deceased was about 60 years of age, and leaves a sorrowing wife and several children, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

The Eastern District comprises the counties of Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Edgecombe, Robeson, Halifax, Cumberland, Craven, Nash, Warren, Wilson and Northampton, and the position which Judge Battle held was one of responsibility. His term would have expired one year from April.

His funeral will be held with Masonic honors this afternoon at 4 o'clock from his residence at Rocky Mount.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

"The Christian" Presented Last Night to a Small Audience—A Good Play Well Played.

Wilmington theatre goers enjoyed a rare treat at the Opera House last night in the excellent dramatization of Hall Caine's novel, "The Christian." It was the par excellence of theatrical productions this season, and was powerful, masterly and elegant.

While "The Christian," in its dramatic version did not adhere strictly to the novel, it lost nothing by the departure, and was clear and sequential throughout. The scenery, stage fixtures and costumes were in keeping with the situations and were superb in their completeness. The actors were on the whole very good and clever.

Miss Effie Elliser, as *Glory Quigley*, was (while striking contrast to Viola Allen, the creator of this role) at times excellent and gave several bits of real good acting, showing great skill in her clever changes from the sublime to the ridiculous and her wonderful emotional power.

Of the men, Edward Emory was clearly in the lead, portraying *Lord Robert Ure*, and acting with so much precision and exactness as to prove himself an actor of great strength and merit.

J. M. Colville made a good *John Storm*, and spoke his lines with force and earnestness. It was a good show and certainly deserved a much larger patronage than it received.

The Opera House management lost considerable on the production, as the crowd present fell far short of the guarantee.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. W. T. Moore, of Charlotte, is registered at The Orton.

Mr. J. A. Fountain, of Richmond, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. P. Peterson, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. S. W. Venable, Jr., of Wilson, is registered at The Orton.

Mr. A. L. McDonald, of Rockingham, is registered at The Orton.

Mr. J. F. Koonce, of Jacksonville, N. C., is registered at The Orton.

Mr. Jeremiah Seavy was among yesterday's visitors to the city on business.

The condition of Mr. James W. Monroe was somewhat improved yesterday.

Mr. A. E. Stevens, of Newbern, was among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton.

Mr. J. E. King, of Bennettsville, S. C., was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

Mr. T. W. Andrews, the popular representative of the E. M. Andrews Furniture Company, Charlotte, is in the city in the interest of his house.

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THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Judgeship Made Vacant by Death of Judge Battle Tendered to Chas. A. Cook.

HE HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED.

Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company Suit. Major Guthrie's Answer Filed in the U. S. Circuit Court—Contention of Defendant Company.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALPHIGH, N. C., March 28.—Gov. Russell has offered the Judgeship of the Eastern District Circuit Court, made vacant by the death of Judge Dossey Battle, to Chas. A. Cook, of Warrenton. He telegraphed for Mr. Cook this morning immediately after the news of Judge Battle's death was received, and Mr. Cook arrived here this afternoon, but has not yet announced his acceptance of the appointment. No formal tender will be made if it unless he agrees in advance to accept.

The answer of Major Wm. A. Guthrie to day in the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company suit, was filed today in the United States Circuit Court. This is the suit, it will be remembered, brought by officers, directors and employees of the American Tobacco Company, who are also large stockholders in the Blackwell Company, to have a receiver appointed for the Blackwell Company and close up its business.

The suit is brought against the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company, and the minority stockholders in it, and is based on an interview given by Mr. Maj. Guthrie, one of the minority stockholders, in which he declared his intention to ask the Legislature to repeal the charter of the Blackwell Company, on the ground that it was a trust. As soon as the interview appeared the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and several directors and employees of the American Tobacco Company, went before Judge Simonton at Charleston and asked that a receiver be appointed. The petition was granted, and P. S. Hill, secretary of the American Tobacco Company, was named as temporary receiver, and April 7th, at Charleston, was fixed for hearing argument as to whether the appointment of a receiver should be made permanent.

In the papers filed to-day Major Guthrie makes answer only for himself, and bases his defence on the following grounds: First, that the court has no jurisdiction; second, that if it had jurisdiction, it ought not to grant the relief, for the reason that plaintiffs have come into court actuated by an improper and illegal purpose on their part, to merge the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company with the American Tobacco Company, in order to create a monopoly in the smoking tobacco business, in violation of the constitution of North Carolina, and contrary to the genius of a free State; third, that the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company being a solvent going corporation, chartered under the laws of North Carolina, the only competent authority to repeal the charter, dissolve the corporation and wind up its affairs is vested in the General Assembly of North Carolina, under article eight, section 1 of the State constitution.

The schooner *Jno. R. Fell*, Capt. Loveland, cleared yesterday with a cargo of lumber from the Hilton Lumber Company for New York.

The schooner *D. J. Sawyer*, Capt. Kelly, arrived from New York and will load with lumber at the Kidder Lumber Company's mill.

The *Seabright* is off on her regular trip to Little River, S. C., but is expected in port to day.

WASHINGTON NEWS BUDGET.

Senate Officers and Employes Express Regard for Gen. W. R. Cox—Representative Kitchin.

[Special Star Telegram.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The officers and employes of the Senate held a meeting to-day for the purpose of expressing their feeling of high personal regard for Gen. W. R. Cox, of North Carolina, the former secretary of the Senate. Appropriate resolutions were adopted which will be communicated to him at an early date.

The President has appointed Herbert Lloyd postmaster at Chapel Hill, N. C. Representative Kitchin yesterday called on Speaker Henderson and asked him to reconsider, so as to bring up the Senate bill making appropriations for monuments for Generals Nathan and Davidson. Speaker Henderson said he could not do so at this session, owing to the many similar bills.

Representative Kitchin to-day requested the director of the census bureau to put J. F. Clendenin, of Graham, N. C., who has been appointed to a position in the bureau, to work at an early date.

The North Carolina delegation to-day heard with regret the announcement of the death last night at Baltimore of Congressman Klitta's daughter, Mary Troy, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

"THE COSMORAMA"

Many beautiful tableaux, amusing scenes and novel displays are being arranged to surprise and delight the audience who will witness the Cosmorama at the Opera House next Friday night, to be given for the benefit of the First Baptist Church choir. The tableaux will be presented with the multi-colored calcium lights and those reproduced will be pictures and statuary by famous artists, and such subjects as Justice, Reconciliation, The Fates, Moon Fairy, Vestal Tuccia and Pallas Athena. The unique displays by the business firms will be no less pleasing than the other numbers of the programme. Come and enjoy two hours of good fun. Seats go on sale this morning at the Temple Pharmacy. Price 50 cents.

THE NEW SAVINGS BANK.

Will Open for Business April 1st on Front Street, Opposite the Postoffice—Mr. Fred W. Dick Cashier.

The Guardian Security Trust and Deposit Company, Wilmington's new savings bank, will open for business April 1st on Front street, opposite the postoffice, in front of the building occupied by Mr. R. H. Grant's plumbing establishment. The location is a most eligible one, and the contract has already been let for a remodeling of the first floor of the building to suit the conveniences of a banking business. Workmen will probably begin the improvement this morning, and the doors of the new institution will be opened next Monday for business, as stated.

In the advertising columns of the STAR this morning it is announced that deposits received now will draw four per cent. interest from April 1st, which may be left either with Mr. B. C. McQueen, president, at the Murchison National Bank, or with Mr. F. W. Dick, at the National Bank of Wilmington.

In this connection it will be gratifying to his numerous friends to know that at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the new institution, Mr. Fred W. Dick was elected to the position of cashier. Mr. Dick has had considerable experience in the banking business with the National Bank of Wilmington, and is withal a clever and popular young man, who will no doubt on his personal account draw a large patronage.

The occupation of the front of Mr. Grant's building by the new bank will in no wise interfere with his plumbing business, as his workshop and saw-room are in the rear apartments and only the front end of the place will be occupied by the bank. In an advertisement in the STAR this morning, he gives notice of the changes and respectfully invites a continuation of the patronage of his friends.

Finance Committee Meeting.

The STAR is requested by Chief Schnibben to announce that there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee to arrange for the Firemen's Tournament at the Mayor's office in the City Hall this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The committee is composed of Chief Charles Schnibben, Messrs. Hugh MacRae, J. W. Harper, W. E. Springer, T. J. Gore, A. B. Skelding, J. A. Taylor, J. B. Kenly, J. C. Boersch, Dan Quinlivan, J. H. Chadborn, Jr., E. G. Parme, George R. French and M. O'Brien.

Local Shipping News.

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Union Meeting.

The union protracted meeting held in Buraw, N. C., was led by Rev. William Black, evangelist of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina. It closed with services last Sunday evening, the church being crowded. There were many professions, and a handsome sum was contributed to the evangelistic fund.

—Miss Anna Slagle will leave this morning for her home in Illinois.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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

AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FOR WORK in the E. A. degree will be held at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
W. M. POISSON, Secretary.
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