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OUTLINES.

een Victoria died at 6:30 P. M., erday; the news was announced in don and throughout the country icts by the tolling of church bells; thought the funeral will place at more. —— The N. C. Legislature ed F. M. Simmons U. S. Senator ceeed Marion Butler. —— Three o boys were burned in their home, olk county, Va. —— The Bul- n cabinet resigned on account of national differences. —— Presi- McKinley sent a message of con- ce to King Edward VII. —— houses of Congress adopted ap riate resolutions and adjourned mark of respect. —— Foreign sters in Pekin will reply to the se note Thursday. —— Texas islature elected J. W. Bailey U nator. —— Ex-congressmen R nble succeeds Pettigrew as U. nator from South Dakota. —— New York markets: Money on eady at 2@2½ per cent.; cotton middling uplands 9⅞c; flour dis d moderate steadiness, but was ery quiet; wheat—spot easy; No 79¾c f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot oats—spot steady, No. 2 30¼c; quiet; spirits turpentine dull at 1¼c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 22.

mperatures: 8 A. M., 51 degrees; M., 51 degrees; maximum, 58 de ; minimum, 49 degrees; mean, 54 es.

infall for the day, 07; rainfall 1st of the month up to date, 1 37 s.

ge of water in the Cape Fear river yetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 6.3

FORECAST FOR TO DAY.

ASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—For North lina—Fair Wednesday; northerly s becoming variable, fresh to on the coast. Thursday proba- air.

ort Almanac--January 23.

Rises	7.06 A. M.
Sets	5.18 P. M.
s Length	10 H. 12 M
Water at Southport	9 46 P. M
Water Wilmington	10 16 A. M.

nator Glass, one of the Virginia s, will go the Arkansas Hot ngs to recuperate. All broke s it were.

he English are howling because Boers shoot dum-dum bullets. the Boers say they took them the British and are only re- ing them.

$17,000,000 steel company has organized to fight the Carnegie pany. But where will the $17,- 000 company be when Carne $160,000,000 company butts it?

v. George W. Unkle, a Penn- nia preacher, who has just cele- d his 76th birthday has been ching for 50 years, and would r accept pay. Good old uncle.

Nogro, a French naval officer o elated at being made Chevalier e Legion of Honor, that he be- hilarious over it and died from

itor Harmsworth says Edison is American best known in Eu- And Chauncey M. Depew has over there fifty times and ped chestnuts with the Prince ales, too.

e Maximite explosive can, it is send a projectile through seven s of Harveyized steel armor. it will be in order to invent thing that the Maximite pro- d projectile can't penetrate.

der protective legislation wild have increased so rapidly in ecticut that there is said to be in the State than at any pre- time in 150 years. They are seen grazing with cattle in the res.

nge growers in Southern Cali- are clamoring for more cars. say the railroads cannot fur- them with more than half h to move their crop. The a orange growers are not g any objection.

ey have it warm sometimes in orial contests out West. Editor ater, who is trying to be d Senator from Nebraska, has ch a warm time dodging con- s that he has applied to the for an injunction restraining from pursuing him till he gets gh his Senatorial fracas.

dissatisfied married couple in is arranged matters amicably reeing to separate. The ques- s to how to dispose of their ear old child was settled by ing it with the father for a nd pony and a Jersey cow. dvantage seems to have been he man in thus easily getting a woman who would swap her for a little horse and cow.

LOCAL DOTS.

— An entertainment will be given in the lecture room of the First Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, January 30th.

— Mr. James W. Veal, of Mount Olive, has been appointed a railway mail clerk by the Postoffice department at Washington.

— Six window sashes were stolen from a house on Dickinson Hill, Brooklyn, Sunday night. The house was vacated the day before.

— Rev. A. D. McClure will make a talk this evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the benificence of the reign of Queen Victoria.

— The street force is now engaged in grading Second street between Market and Dock. When the grading is finished, the thoroughfare will be macadamized.

— Mr. Thos. Barr, oiler on the auxiliary cruiser *Hornet*, left yesterday for Norfolk where he has been ordered for duty. Oiler Gibbons is here, by orders, to take his place.

— Papers for the transfer of property, 55x132 feet on Sixth between Queen and Castle, were recorded yesterday by Joseph Lander and wife. Mr. Jas. O. Brown was the purchaser at $700.

— The degree team of Capt. J. T. King of Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., will by special request, confer the initiatory degree on a candidate at the meeting of Orion Lodge, No. 67, this evening.

— Fourth class postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina as follows: T. A. Norment at Rowland, N. C, vice I. T. McLean, and J. E Singleton, at Shannon, Robeson county, vice W. C. McPhail, deceased.

— The entertainment which was announced to be given at the residence of Mr. W. E. Perdew on Friday night by Grace Epworth League has been indefinitely postponed. The date will be given later.

— Senator Pritchard has introduced a bill in the Senate amending the River and Harbor appropriation bill by adding an additional $250,000 for the Cape Fear river improvement between Wilmington and Fayetteville.

— The collection for the Associated Charities at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday amounted to $112.-75. The amount raised by St. James' Episcopal Church was $66 81; making a total from the two congregations of $179,56.

— "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" will be presented as an entertainment for the children at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen, streets to-night beginning at 8 o'clock. The hall of the church will be used for theevent.

— Very little progress was made yesterday in pumping out the sunken steamer *Hawes*. A part of the derrick gave way during the day and the hull will now be raised further out of the water in order that the pumping may be facilitated.

—The fire alarm from box 16 at 3:20 o'clock yesterday morning was on account of a blaze in the store of Mr. J. Q Herring, No. 914 Fourth street. The damage to building and stock was about $50. The building was owned by Mr. W. H. Chadbourn.

— A meeting of Fifth Ward voters will be held at the Hook and Ladder house, near corner Fifth and Castle streets, Friday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering matters of a local political character. The STAR is asked to make announcement of the meeting.

— Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist Church, is holding a century inter-denominational evangelistic service during this week in line with the movement inaugurated in New York. Ministers from the various churches in the city will preach during the serices of services. Rev. A. D. McClure preached last night.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

City Taxes—Last call.
Opera House—"Myrtle Ferns."
A. Mavronichols—Large shipment.
S. J. Davis—Stylish livery outfits.

Asks Change of Name.

Mr. L. Hansen has posted notice at the Court House that he will make application to the Clerk of the Superior Court for an order empowering him to change his name from "Ludvig Hansen," his true name, to "Louis Hanson." Mr. Hansen asks for the change, as the notice sets forth, because he has become a citizen of the United States of America and intending to make this the country of himself and family, he wishes to Americanize the name.

Will Marry at Burgaw.

Miss Arcadia Hall, daughter of Mr. W. H. Hall, and Mr. R. L. Sellers, both of this city, will be married in Burgaw this morning. Mr. R. J. Sellers, of Raleigh, a brother of the groom, and Mr. Wm. B. Litgen, of Wilmington, are in Burgaw to witness the ceremony. The couple will return to Wilmington this evening.

Epworth League Officers.

Officers of Grace Epworth League have been elected as follows: Miss Bessie Hankins, president; Mr. Eric Norden, first vice president; Mrs. W. W. Hodges, second vice president; Miss Sarah P. Fitts, third vice president; Miss Bessie Fillyaw, treasurer; Miss Lydia Yates, secretary.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ballot for United States Senator Taken in Both Houses of the Legislature.

HON. F. M. SIMMONS CHOSEN.

Important Measures Under Consideration. Broughton's Reformatory Bill and Aycock's Text Book Bill—An Amendment to Constitution

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 22.—The bills which are now attracting most attention before legislative committees are those of Aycock for State adoption of school text books and Broughton's bill providing for the establishment of a reformatory for young criminals.

A perfect swarm of lobbyists are here working in the interest of the various publishers of text books. Nearly all of them favor State adoption as provided for in the pending bill, but there is an endless variety of amendments and counter amendments, which the various interests are advocating.

The concensus of opinion among legislators is that there must be uniformity and lower prices for text books throughout the State and that this must be brought about by State adoption.

The text book bill will in no way affect the city schools acting under special charter. It is a notorious fact, though, generally discussed here, that the text book abuses in many of these city schools are more grievous than in the country districts. It is openly charged that there are frequent and flagrant changes of text books in the midst of sessions, in many instances for no other apparent reason than to give sales to some publisher's book who offers some inducement to those in a position to require the change. A prominent member of the Board of Education said this morning that while this and many kindred abuses were prevalent in many of these schools, the power to remedy the evil was vested with the respective city authorities and the remedy was with them entirely.

Mr. Broughton's reformatory bill will receive a favorable report and provides for the appropriation of $25,-000. At first there will be an institution for white criminals, from 8 to 11 years, only. Later on it is proposed by the promoters of the bill to provide a similar institution for the young negro criminals.

The bill by Carson, of Alexander, providing for an amendment to the Constitution so that the State Senatorial districts and basis of representation in the House of Representatives will be on strictly white population, is eliciting much comment, but members of the General Assembly are rather reticent in expressions of opinion. The bill is in the hands of the Judiciary Committee.

Balloting for Senator.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 22.—At noon to-day simultaneous ballots were taken in the Senate and the House for United States Senator. Hon. F. M. Simmons was placed in nomination in the Senate by Broughton, seconded by Foushee, Warren and others. In the House by White, of Jones, seconded by Gattis of Orange, and Simms of Wake. All made strong, well received speeches, worthy tributes to the great Democratic leader. The nomination of Richmond Pearson, Republican, in the Senate was by Pinnix of Yadkin, seconded by Dula; in the House by Benbow, with Blythe seconding. The ballots resulted as follows: Senate—Simmons 36, Pearson 8; House—Simmons 88, Pearson 18. Populists were excused from voting in both branches of the Assembly. The final joint ballot for United States Senator will be held at noon to-morrow, to carry out the formality of election. Simms won special laurels seconding Simmons' nomination in the House. He said he spoke in behalf of two hundred thousand Democrats, with the hope that he may be a Senator as long hereafter as he wishes, for he has no other riches than the harvest of hearts gathered in North Carolina.

A joint resolution inviting J. L. M. Curry to address the Assembly on education has passed the House and Senate. The vote was not announced. There was sharp debate on the subject in the House. Gudger and others opposed Curry, on the ground that Curry lobbied against Crawford in favor of Pearson in the Congressional contest. It looked at one time as though the resolution would be lost. The discussion was one of the liveliest of the session. Only thirteen voted to table the resolution.

Among the bills passed in the House to day were the following: To allow New Hanover Commissioners to pay the chairman a salary; to repeal the law in regard to fishing in New Hanover.

Bills were introduced:

By Willard, to provide home rule for North Carolina cities.

Nicholson, to incorporate the Chamber of Commerce of Washington.

McKethan, to furnish Supreme Court reports to Cumberland county.

In the Senate, Foy, of Pender, introduced a bill to amend the oyster law of Pender so that oysters may be taken from Topsail sound at any season of the year for agricultural purposes. The present law prohibits from February 25th to October 25th for any purpose.

By Brown, to establish Chadbourn township, Columbus county.

By Morton, a resolution to endorse the report of the committee to examine the State Treasurer's books and instruct the Attorney General.

By Broughton, for the relief and government of the institution for the deaf, dumb and blind.

The following bills have passed the Senate: To incorporate the James Walker Memorial Hospital (now ready for ratification); to incorporate the United Sons and Daughters of Salem, without the $50 corporation tax; to repeal Chapter 54, Public Laws of 1891, affecting Pamlico county; to authorize Concord to issue $125,000 in bonds.

Thompson, of Onslow, introduced in the House to-day a bill to tax gross earnings of railroads; the same as the bill that failed to pass the last Legislature. It provides for a graduated tax of one and three fourths per cent. where earnings amount to $5,500 per mile.

The bill of Willard, of New Hanover, providing home rule for North Carolina cities, is important. It provides that cities of five thousand inhabitants, having legislative authority, may cause an election of seven free holders of three years' residence; this board to organize and prepare a charter in duplicate for the mayor and register of deeds; to be published in a newspaper for twenty days; to hold election within thirty days for submitting the proposed charter to the qualified voters of the town. When thus adopted it goes to the Legislature for approval or rejection, without power to alter or amend. Amendments can be made only every two years, by vote of city voters.

The Committee on Elections heard the contest from Wilkes, McNeill (Republican) vs. Green (Democrat), to-day. Green is the sitting member. The committee sustained the demurrer of the contestee (Green) that no evidence is introduced by the contestant and will report in favor of Green retaining the seat.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mrs. J. N. Brand is visiting relatives in Sumter, S. C.

— Mr. L. Stein returned home yesterday from a trip North.

— Mr. William Sloan, of Garland, is in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin have returned from their bridal tour.

— Mr. Wade S. Royal, of Benson, was a visitor to the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. Edward G. Polley, inspector of U. S. Customs, went up to Wallace yesterday to spend a few days.

— Mr. H. H. Jones, A. C. L. agent at Pollocksville, after spending a few days in the city, returned home yesterday.

— Mrs. B. S. Benthner, of New York, a sister of Mr. N. Jacobi, and Mr. M. J. Beuswanger, of Richmond, arrived last evening to attend the Jacobi-David nuptials.

— Mrs. W. A. Hoke, of Lincolnton, arrived yesterday to join her husband, Judge Hoke, who is presiding at the present term of New Hanover Superior Court. Both are guests at The Orton.

GRAND CHARITY BALL

Given Last Night in the Masonic Temple by Harmony Circle of Temple Israel. An Elegant Supper.

The Charity ball given last night in the Masonic Temple by Harmony Circle of the Temple of Israel was a brilliant affair and a pronounced success in every particular. The ladies in their elaborate evening gowns and the gentlemen in the conventional full dress presented a grand spectacle. The music was delightfully furnished by Miller's Orchestra and the many dancers tripped the light fantastic until the early hours of this morning.

At midnight the banquet hall was thrown open to the guests and the repast was sumptuous. The decorations were effectively arranged in pink and white, set off with green foliage.

The following committees vied with each other in making the occasion a magnificent success:

General Committee of Arrangements—Mr. Sol Bear, president of the congregation and chairman of building committee; Messrs. S. Solomon, L. Bluethenthal, I. M. Bear, A. Weill, Sam Bear, Jr., J. Weill, George Honnet, A. Shrier, A. David, William Goodman and M. W. Jacobi.

Dancing—Messrs. I. W. Solomon, I. M. Bear, E. E. David, Adolph Goodman and Geo. Honnet, Jr.

Refreshments—Mrs. B. Solomon and Mrs. I. L. Greenewald, chairmen, assisted by Mrs. A. Liebman, Mrs. Sam Bear, Sr., Mrs. A. A. Nathan, Mrs. S. Mendelsohn, Mrs. M. Rosenmann and Mrs. Nathan Schloss.

Table Decorations—Mrs. L. Bluethenthal, chairman, Mrs. S. Solomon and Mrs. S. A. Schloss.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. S. Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein; Mr. and Mrs. B. Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky; Mr. and Mrs. A. Shrier; Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenmann; Mrs. G. Rosenthal, Charlotte; Mrs. H. H. Waxman; Mr. and Mrs. A. Leibman; Mrs. Sam'l Bear, Sr.; Mrs. Goodman; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nutt; Mr. and Mrs. J. Weil; Mrs. J. I. Macks; Mr. and Mrs. George Honnet; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Penny; Miss Marcella Shrier, Mr. Albert Solomon; Miss Lillie Taylor, Mr. Julius Taylor; Mrs. A. Cohen, Washington, D. C., Mr. E. E. David; Miss Amelia Brunhild, Mr. I. M. Bear; Miss Bessie Levy, of Philadelphia, Mr. I. W. Solomon; Mrs. Kahn, Mr. Isaac Bear; Miss Alice Rheinstein, Mr. G. Danenbaum; Miss Blanche David, Mr. M. W. Jacobi; Miss Hattie Taylor, Mr. J. L. Solomon; Miss Mamie Bear, Mr. Adolph Goodman; Miss Hannah Shrier, Mr. Geo. Honnet, Jr.; Miss Stella Shrier, Mr. Ahrens; Mrs. Sycle, of Philadelphia, Mr. Sam'l Bear, Jr.

Stags—Messrs. B. Goodman, H. C. Bear, J. N. Jacobi, E. J. Bear and I. J. Bear.

The ball was given for the benefit of the Temple of Israel.

Mr. Sol. Bear, one of the promoters of the ball, was not in attendance, owing to his being in mourning.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper.

OFFICERS' ANNUAL REPORTS

Were Read at Important Meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, Yesterday Afternoon

An important meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the W. L. I. armory, at which the annual reports of the officers were read. The reports of Mrs. Sarah James, the secretary, and Miss Mary Meares, the treasurer, were very satisfactory and they were approved.

The president, Mrs. Wm. M. Parsley, made a very interesting report, which is as follows:

Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy:

In reviewing the work of the year, there is nothing of any prominence calling for special remark, but all our obligations have been met creditably and our expenses paid regularly. Our membership has increased in a gratifying manner. We now number nearly one hundred.

Memorial Day was observed with all reverence and honor to our Confederate heroes, and sixteen stone markers placed during the year.

The fund which for several years has been set aside for the Jefferson Davis monument, has been increased to seventy five dollars and forwarded; ten dollars contributed for the Vance portrait to be placed in the North Carolina room and five dollars for the purchase of the Chapman pictures for the Solid South room in the Richmond Museum.

In May we sent to the North Carolina room an excellent oil portrait, beautifully framed, of Hon. George Davis, the gift of sixteen generous friends who were proud to honor the memory of this noble Wilmingtonian. This painting was the work of a member of our chapter, and in this fact we take great pride.

In accordance with the expressed wish of some of our Veterans we have ordered Crosses of Honor, which are the gift of the Daughters of the Confederacy to, "every veteran who did his duty and kept faithful to the cause, however poor or obscure he may now be"—and a few days ago, on General Lee's birthday, these crosses were presented, by Mrs. Gaston Meares of our Chapter, in a most tender, and beautiful manner to sixty of those men whose certificates show their claims. We have still on hand some papers which came too late for us to obtain the crosses, and these, with others which may be sent in, will be held over until the tenth of May.

During the year the interest has not been shown in our Museum which is necessary. Our faithful registrar, who ever since the beginning, has taken the greatest pride and pleasure in it, has been compelled by circumstances to resign, and the committees who should, in a measure at least, have filled her place, failing to respond when called upon, the room has not been open for visitors since last May, and some donations are still unrecorded.

The most notable gift to the room during the year, are, a triune portrait of Generals Lee, Jackson and Johnson, and several files of newspapers, published during the war, and a complete file of the *Confederate Veteran*, published in Nashville, Tenn. A special committee appointed for the purpose has lately had the room cleaned and put in order, but we hope the regular committees whose duty it is to care for the Museum, will arrange and get it in the best possible condition before the General Convention.

Some months ago the president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. Weed, of Florida, made a brief visit in our city, and at that time many of us had the pleasure of making her acquaintance.

The General Convention will meet here on the second Wednesday in November, and it is very necessary that most of the arrangements for the occasion be made before our last meeting in May.

The members of the Chapter will, I trust, be ready, each one, to do her part, to make the convention pleasant and successful. We had a most cordial and fraternal offer of assistance from the other chapters in the State, but while appreciating the spirit of the offer we will not call for assistance unless we find ourselves unable to meet our obligations.

With this in view several plans for the entertainment are being considered, and we hope that these will be supported and made as successful as possible by the members of the Chapter.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. WM. M. PARSLEY.

Committees were appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which will convene in annual session in Wilmington on the 13th of November.

The Memorial committee has decided to give a tea at the W. L. I. armory on Friday evening, February 1st, for the benefit of the Memorial work. The committee will be glad to receive any donations at the armory on the 31st inst., and also on the following day.

MASONS' RECEPTION TO LADIES.

Date Changed to February 7th—Address Will Be by Iredell Meares, Esq.

The date for the reception to be given by the Masons of the city in compliment to the ladies who assisted so graciously in the recent fair and chrysanthemum show, has been changed from Thursday, February 14th, to Thursday, February 7th, on account of another event to take place in the Temple on the evening originally decided upon.

The change of time for the affair, which promises to be a magnificent one, was made at a meeting of the joint committee from the several lodges held yesterday evening at 6 o'clock in the Temple reading room and over which Dr. W. E. Storm presided.

The sub committees reported progress in their various departments. Iredell Meares, Esq., has been invited to make the address of the evening and it is very probable that he will accept, as he is an ardent member of the order and thoroughly in sympathy with the spirit which prompted the Masons to arrange the event. During the evening, besides the address, there will be music, dancing and refreshments.

NEARING THE CLOSE.

Strauss Damage Suit Will Reach the Jury in the Superior Court To-day.

ARGUMENT BY ATTORNEYS

Was Begun Yesterday at Noon—Criminal Appeal Docket Taken Up and Disposed of in Short Order--Notes of the Session.

With the exception of less than an hour, consumed yesterday morning in disposing of the criminal appeal docket, the New Hanover Superior Court was engaged all day yesterday in hearing the damage suit of Mrs. Strauss against the city, extended reference to which has already been made in these columns. It looks now as if the case will go to the jury by noon to-day, and as a mistrial is not anticipated it is expected that a verdict will be announced during the afternoon.

The witnesses examined for the complainant yesterday were in their order as follows: Mr. W. M. Howey, Dr. W. J. Love, Mrs. Jessie B. Strauss, Capt. Thos. J. Pae and Miss Mattie Strauss. The defendant's attorneys introduced no witnesses whatever and at about noon argument to the jury was begun, George Rountree, Esq., having opened for the defence. He was followed by Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esq., for the plaintiff, in a splendid speech, which was his maiden effort before a jury in a civil action and which augurs a very bright future for him in his chosen profession. His appeal to the jury was the subject of much favorable comment in the court room. Next followed in their order A. J. Marshall, Esq., for the plaintiff; J. O. Carr, Esq., for the defence, and Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy for the plaintiff. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Bellamy's argument, shortly after 5 o'clock, a recess was taken until 9.30 o'clock this morning, when Marsden Bellamy and E. K. Bryan, Esqs., will finish the argument and the case, after Judge Hoke's charge, will go to the jury.

The criminal appeal docket was disposed of yesterday morning as follows:

Thomas Croom, disorderly conduct, continued and capias to April term.

Ida Jones, disorderly conduct, continued and alias capias for Herry Pigford to April term.

Thos. Lucas, fast driving, continued and capias to April term.

A. Goldberg, doing business without paying city license, ordered by the court that the defendant be recognized for appearance at April term in the sum of $100.

It was ordered by the court that the civil suit of W. E. Worth, receiver, vs. B. J. Fisher be continued and set for the first case on Monday of the first week of next term and not be changed by calendar committee.

Capt. T. J. Pae, a regular juror for next week, was excused for the term.

According to the Judge's order at a former term, the case of Laura G. Hales vs. Capt. John W. Harper will be taken up immediately after disposition of the Strauss case and it is expected that about half a day will be required for its hearing. This is another action for damages, the amount involved being $1,000 punitive and $1,000 actual damages. Messrs. Empie & Empie appear for the plaintiff and Messrs. Rountree and Carr for the defendant.

A POPULAR REPERTOIRE COMPANY.

The Crescent People Are Proving Themselves Entertainers of a High Order.

Members of the Crescent Stock Company again proved themselves excellent entertainers last evening at the theatre and, if anything, the appearance was even more successful, from a viewpoint of excellence, than on the night previous, when the largest audience of the season witnessed an admirable presentation of Frederick Brighton's interesting drama, "Forgiven."

The bill last night was the intensely funny comedy, "A Crazy Idea," and it was artistically presented to an audience, which should have been much larger for the small charge of admission. Guy Woodward won fresh laurels with an already very appreciative Wilmington audience, and there was other strong individual playing. The specialties by the Glees, Miss Carrie Louis and Pete Seymour were well received, and derservedly so.

The bill for to-night is Joe Clifton's master piece, "Myrtle Ferns," and there will be a change of specialties each night.

Initiated into Elkdom.

A special meeting of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks was held last night for initiation ceremonies. There was a large attendance and during the progress of the evening the following gentlemen were received into Elkdom: Col. A. M. Waddell, Messrs. J. A. Springer, Frank P. Turrentine, W. L. DeRosset, Jr., W. H. Stokeley, John H. Rehder, Andrew Smith, R. G. Rankin and Dr. J. E. Matthews.

Basket Ball Friday Night.

The business men's and young men's basket ball teams are practicing hard for the match game to be played at the City Hall Friday night. Just before the game there will be an athletic exhibition by sixteen members of the two gymnasium classes. The exercises will begin promptly at 8 30 o'clock. Fifteen cents admission will be charged.

— Mr. S. Biggs, of Rockingham, and Rev. J. A. Smith, of Fair Bluff, are guests at The Orton.

Y. M. C. A. Camera Club.

The Y. M. C. A. Camera Club was organized last night and the following officers were elected: President, Eric Norden; secretary and treasurer, J. M. Culbreth. Dr. N. M. Wetzel and Mr. Paul M. Taylor were appointed on a committee to draw up a constitution and by laws. The club starts out with a membership of twelve. The dark room has been completed and is the best in the city.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LARGE SHIPMENT.....

Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Pears and Cocoanuts just arrived. Candy Factory in full blast. Don't buy bakery supplies before examining my line.

Andrew Mavronichols,
719 Market street.
jan 23 tf 703 North Fourth street.

Last Call

For City Taxes. Advertising list now being prepared. Will begin to levy on personal property and real estate January 30th. Costs will be added to the tax unless payment is made by that date.

B. F. KING,
jan 23 1t City Tax Collector.

For Sale.

200 Cases Pie Peaches.
100 Cases Table Peaches.
200 Boxes Star Lye.
200 Boxes Mendleson's Lye.
100 Bags Coffee.
100 Barrels Molasses.
25 Barrels Vinegar.
500 Boxes Plug Tobacco,

Cigars, Cheroots, Smoking Tobacco, Matches, Soap, and lots of other goods for sale at close prices.

SAMUEL BEAR, Sr.
Wholesale Grocer,
jan 19 tf 18 Market street.

Opera House

ONE WEEK, COMMENCING Monday, Jan. 21.
THE CRESCENT STOCK CO.,
including
MISS CARRIE LOUIS,
H. GUY WOODWARD,
and the
LADIES' SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.
Prices.....10, 20, 30 cents.

TO-NIGHT,
Myrtle Ferns.
MATINEE SATURDAY 2.30 P. M.
Prices.....5.....10 and 20 cents.
jan 23 tf

At The-:- -:-Unlucky Corner.

BIG PRUNES, 25 TO THE POUND.
RED CRANBERRIES.
TURKEYS, DEAD AND ALIVE.
JELLY, MINCE MEAT, RAISINS.
CURRANTS, CITRON.
SMOKED BEEF TONGUES.

We can't bake your cake, but can furnish the best of everything to go in it.

-:-Send me your orders.

-:-S. W. SANDERS-:-
dec 8 tf

For Sale.

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