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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

President Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, is buying cigarette factories in Berlin and St. Petersburg. —— Senator Simmons has presented a bill appropriating $25,000 for a monument to Virginia Dare. ——Schooner Edward W. Young, from Georgetown, S. C., with lumber, was abandoned at sea; captain and crew rescued and landed at New York. ——Among other nominations the Senate confirmed that of Frank I. Osborne, associate justice of the court of private land claims. —— Light snow and ice yesterday near Tampa, Fla. —— The bill to temporarily provide revenue for the Philippine islands passed the House —— Admiral Schley, through counsel, has filed exceptions to the finding of the majority of the court of inquiry —— The referee stopped the fight between Walcott and Fearns last night at Buffalo, N. Y., to save the latter from being knocked out. —— The Daughters of the Confederacy are trying to secure the removal of bodies of Confederate soldiers buried in Germantown, Pa., to Richmond, Va. ——Mrs. Hicks, charged with killing her husband, was arraigned in court at Memphis, and pleaded not guilty. —— James B. Hay, secretary and treasurer of a lumber company, murdered and robbed at Salt Lake, Utah. ——Spanish steamer damaged in collision with a timber barge at Pensacola, Fla. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4½@6 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8⅛c; flour market dull and barely steady; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 76c; corn—spot easy, No.2 70¾c; rosin steady, strained common to good $1.55 @1.57½; spirits turpentine steady at 48½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 26 degrees; 2 P. M., 31 degrees; maximum, 35 degrees; minimum, 26 degrees; mean, 30 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 3.12 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 —For North Carolina: Partly cloudy Thursday, Friday, warmer and threatening, probably rain or snow, variable winds.

Port Almanac—December 19.

Sun Rises	7.06 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport.	12.49 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	3.19 A. M.

We are under obligations to the Philadelphia *Record* for a copy of its almanac for 1902, a comprehensive and valuable publication, giving much useful information, compactly and conveniently presented.

Senator Hanna says his ambition is to bring labor and capital together so that there will be no more friction between them and no more strikes. He says he would rather do that than be President. If he does that he will do more good than he could do if he were President half a dozen times.

There are signs of impending war in New Jersey. Some of the denizens beneld in the heavens the other night a great light in the shape of a sword, the like of which they never saw before. They declare there wasn't any "Jersey lighting" in it.

The New York *Herald* says the Pennsylvania Central's proposed tunnel under the Hudson and East rivers to give it a terminus on Long Island, will be something more than fifteen miles long, two and a half miles longer than the Simplon, now the longest in the world.

Judge Dunne, of Chicago, doesn't object to newspapers criticising decisions of his court after they are made, but thinks it entirely too previous and highly improper to criticise them before they are made. Perhaps he doesn't fully appreciate the hustle of the Chicago papers and the help they give him.

A short while ago we noted the death of a man in Kansas from a disease similar to a disease prevalent in a portion of South Africa, which is called the "sleeping disease." He slept himself to death. Another case is reported from Peoria, Ill., where a man aged 68 fell to sleep November 2d and has had but few waking moments since. The doctors say he will die in a short time.

Miss Draper, who died a few days ago at Tarrytown, N. Y., aged 94 years, had the distinction of being the first woman to have her photograph taken. Her brother invented a process by which a picture could be taken in six minutes, when previously it took an hour; but no woman would remain quiet for an hour and consequently no picture was taken until the time was cut down to six minutes.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The weekly drills of the W. L. I. have been suspended until after the holidays.

— The deferred meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance will be held to-night.

— British steamship *Tolosa* arrived yesterday from Baltimore for cargo of cotton from the Champion Compress.

— The freight steamer *Driver* cleared yesterday at 4 o'clock for Fayetteville, after remaining in port several days.

— British steamship *Spennymore*, after discharging cargo at the Powers & Gibbs' factory, cleared yesterday, light, for Mobile.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at the W. L. I. armory at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

— John Piver, a member of the street force, was required to give $50 peace bond in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday. The warrant was sworn out by Piver's wife, who alleged maltreatment.

— By deed recorded at the court house yesterday Robert N. Harriss transferred to George Harriss all his right, title and interest to a tract of land on Masonboro Sound; consideration $200.

— Frank Parker, colored, an escaped jailbird from Onslow county, was captured by Deputies Cox and Holton Tuesday night. He was placed in jail here awaiting transfer to Jacksonville.

— Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin Emerson have issued invitations to a coming-out party in honor of Miss Emerson, on Friday evening, December 27th, at No. 510 Dock street. There will be dancing.

— Schooner *Wm. P. Hood*, 632 tons, arrived yesterday from New York with cargo of tar barrels for Hall & Pearsall and Robinson & King. After discharging, the vessel will load cross ties for the North.

— Friends of Mr. Jas. H. Cowan will be interested to know that he has severed his connection with the Dixie Stock Company, a popular-price reportoire troupe, and has joined one of the higher class attractions, playing one-night stands only.

— W. H. Bunting, a colored coal cart driver for J. H. Taylor & Co., was arrested at Front street market yesterday morning for fast driving. Mayor Waddell gave the driver a seasonable talk upon offences of the character with which he was charged and told him to go.

— Three handsome new passenger coaches built in the Wilmington shops were attached to the northbound A. C. L. train yesterday morning for use on the "shoo-fly" between Goldsboro and Norfolk. One of them is of the new vestibule pattern, and all of them reflect much credit upon the A. C. L. workmen here.

— The handsome new fixtures for the City Clerk and Treasurer's office have been installed by Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the supervising architect, and measures have been taken for a handsome carpet to be placed on the floor. The fixtures are the prettiest and most convenient ever brought to the city, and cost nearly $500.

FRONT STREET PROPERTY TRANSFER.

Mrs. M. M. Bell Purchased Lot On Corner of Front and Church Streets.

The real estate agency of J. G. Wright & Son yesterday effected the sale of the valuable lot and brick building on Northeast corner of Front and Church streets. The property was purchased by Mrs. M. M. Bell from Mr. M. O'Brien and the consideration was $3,250. The lot fronts 66 feet on Front street and runs back into the block 80 feet.

The same agency yestesday sold for Mrs. Bell to Mr. O'Brien, the residence and lot, 33x66 feet in size, on north side of Church between Third and Fourth streets; consideration $1,000.

Funeral of Mrs. Stolter.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rebecca C. Stolter, whose death has been chronicled in these columns, was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church in the presence of a large congregation of friends of the deceased and family. Impressive services were conducted by Dr. A. G. Voigt, the pastor, and the hymns were beautifully rendered by the church choir. The floral emblems were numerous and pretty. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the following having acted as pall bearers: Messrs. Martin Rathjen, Geo. Tienken, F. W. Ortmann, J. W. Duls, Peter Mohr and J. G. L. Gieschen.

Selling Beer on Sunday.

Gussie Grier, the white woman charged with selling beer on Sunday, waived a preliminary examination in the police court yesterday and gave bond in the sum of $100 for her appearance at the January term of Superior Court. City Attorney Bellamy prosecuted the case and Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the defendant.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
S. W. Sanders—New goods.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Candy, fruit.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Knights of Pythias—Joint meeting

REMEDIES PROPOSED.

Condition of Streets as Left by the Sewerage Company a Lively Question.

THE ALDERMEN LAST NIGHT.

Four Solutions and Simplest of All Adopted. Letter From President Worth—Superintendent Parmele "Spoke Out in Meetin'."

Four separate and distinct solutions of the sewerage question in its relation to streets and excavations were offered at the special meeting of the City Council last evening, and after two hours' discussion the fourth and last one, submitted by Mr. Bailey, to the effect that the Mayor be requested to rigidly enforce the ordinance already on the books, was adopted, thereby concluding the subject, after which the Board took up other municipal matters and adjourned at 10 o'clock until the regular meeting in January.

Two of the solutions proposed were by Messrs. Harriss and Johnson, and were each in the form of a legally drawn instrument—imposing certain restrictions upon the contractors and company, and the third was by Mayor pro tem. VonGlahn, who said that to solve the matter he proposed an ordinance that all excavations by the sewerage people should stop until the streets now in bad condition should be repaired, and that work in the future be done block by block and each block be restored to its former condition before work was allowed to proceed further.

The Board convened at 8 o'clock, Mayor Waddell presiding and Aldermen George Harriss, W. C. VonGlahn, Jno. H. Sweeney, L. H. Skinner, E. P. Bailey, E. F. Johnson, W. E. Mann and C. L. Spencer in attendance.

Mr. Harriss opened the discussion by referring to the present bad condition of the streets of the city as left after the excavations by the Wilmington Sewerage Company, and asked the adoption of his ordinance offered at the last meeting, to the effect that the Wilmington Sewerage Company be required to give a justified bond in the sum of $25,000 to indemnify the city against any loss that it might incur by suit for damages caused by the negligence of the company, and also for restoring all streets where sewers are laid, in equally as good order and condition as they were before the excavations were made; said bond to be approved by the Board of Audit and Finance within ten days, and all work to be stopped unless the required bond is executed.

Mr. Johnson read a substitute for Mr. Harriss' motion, making the bond of $25,000 general in its application so as not to discriminate against the Wilmington Sewerage Company and placing the restoration of the streets in the hands of the City Superintendent of Streets, who should do the work, and charge for the same be made against and required of any firm, person or corporation making such excavations.

Mr. Harriss spoke in favor of his proposition as opposed to Mr. Johnson and said that he had the opinion of three or more reputable lawyers that the ordinance was not discriminating, inasmuch as no other company is engaged in the same manner and extent of the work as the sewerage company; that bond was required of Hugh MacRae & Co. when that firm desired to enter the city with a trolley line and that the cases were parallel.

Mr. Johnson said his ordinance differed little from that of Mr. Harriss only in one or two material points; no one was in better position to restore the streets to their normal condition than the superintendent who had built them and the city could furnish the Sewerage Company with all material and labor at cost if need be.

At this stage of the proceeding the mayor interposed by asking the clerk to read the following letter from Mr. W. E. Worth, president of the Sewerage Company:

Hon. A. M. Waddell, Mayor:

SIR—I have noticed in the Wilmington newspapers of recent date, in recording the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, that criticism has been made upon the Wilmington Sewerage Company for its so-called neglect in placing the streets, in which its pipe has been laid, in good condition, after excavating.

As I apprehend has been called to your attention more than once, there is no intention on the part of the Wilmington Sewerage Company to leave the streets, where excavations have been made and pipes laid, in other than the condition in which such streets were found, and such will be the policy of the company at all times, I assure you. It is impracticable, however, as you must see, to undertake the work of permanent repair, before allowing time for a proper settlement of the earth at those places where the work has been done by this company. The Wilmington Sewerage Company, if the Board of Aldermen so desire, will, nevertheless, at once, undertake such repair as the Board through its properly authorized agent shall designate.

After work was commenced by us, and subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance of October 7th, you were assured that each square would be finally finished at once, if accepted by the city. At the same time you were advised that it would be far better to delay doing the final surfacing until settlement by time had taken place. After the passage of the ordinance of October 7th, placing our restoration of the streets "under the supervision and direction of the superintendent of streets of the city of Wilmington," the proposition was made to one of the street committee that the company should be given notice in writing, of what streets were required to be put in final order, and when; and when such work was done, under the direction of the superintendent of streets, a certificate should be given that such streets had been restored to their original condition, at the date when such certificate was given. You must be aware of the difficulty this company has encountered in being unable to find any person, who seems authorized to accept any work that may be done on the streets. We have received numerous suggestions about putting the streets in order, but no definite arrangement has been made for having the work done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets, as is required by the ordinance of October 7th, the Superintendent of Streets declining to assume the responsibility of either directing the work or accepting it when completed. We have a force now at work putting the streets in permanent condition, and the Superintendent of Streets has been requested to assume the direction of such work, and Messrs. McLean & Company have stood ready to execute the orders he may give, connected with this work, it being our intention to follow literally and conscientiously the provisions of the recent ordinance, so far as we are bound, and to assume no responsibility in determining the thoroughness of the work we do.

At no time has the Sewerage Company claimed that the streets have been put in any other than the best condition that circumstances would warrant. The repairs that have so far been made by us are merely of a temporary nature, done for the purpose of making the streets passable, pending a proper settlement of the groundwork, in order to comply so near as possible to the recent ordinance, and until such time as the permanent repairs could be made, under the direction of the Superintendent of the streets.

We have done everything possible, in the face of contradictory orders often made, to carry out every suggestion so far made by the Superintendent of Streets. We assure you there is no disposition on our part to shirk any responsibility, but on the other hand, we desire to live up to the spirit, as well as the letter of the recent ordinance, so far as it requires us to place the streets in their original condition.

I have the honor to be
Yours most obediently,
W. E. WORTH,
President Wilmington Sewerage Co.

Mr. Harriss did not take kindly to the letter and said repairs should be immediately done; that if the earth in refilling the excavations was properly "tamped" from the bottom to the top the restoration could be immediate and perfect.

It was here that Mr. VonGlahn proposed his substitute but did not put it in the form of a motion. A discussion next ensued as to how soon the streets could be restored after excavation.

Mr. Bailey said it was possable to restore them in three days but it would work a hardship on the contractors; water would have to be used and the tamping would have to be very general. Some streets where macadam was used required this extra attention but sandy streets did not. Roadways and crossings should be given the extra attention. Regarding the ordinances, he asked the mayor if the present ordinances were not sufficient, if enforced, to guarantee the restoration of the streets. The mayor replied that they were.

The discussion then drifted to the legality of the respective ordinances offered by Messrs. Harriss and Johnson. At the request of Mr. VonGlahn Mayor Waddell stated that he was of the opinion that Mr. Harriss' ordinance was legal and explained the doctrine of discrimination. Mr. Johnson stated that if Mr. Harriss' resolution was adopted the Sewerage Company would be recognized. Mr. Harriss said the same thing about Mr. Johnson's resolution and Mr. Sweeney called in City Attorney Bellamy, who said that he thought Mr. Harriss' resolution was legal and that it could be used by the Sewerage Company as evidence of a contract, merely. Mr. Johnson asked if he believed the city had a contract with the sewerage company, and Mr. Bellamy replied that it had virtually the same in an approval of its plans. Mr. Bailey reminded the City Attorney that the action of the Aldermen in approving the plans had been rescinded, but the Attorney said it was after the work had progressed under the original action for some time. The Attorney gave an opinion as to Mr. Johnson's proposition, and the "war of the resolutions" was abruptly ended by Mr. Bailey's motion recited above, which was finally adopted.

The vote was called on the motion of Mr. Bailey and besides himself only Messrs. Mann and Spencer voted "aye;" Messrs. Harriss and Skinner, "nay." It was explained that not a quorum voted and while a discussion was going on as to who had voted and who had not, Mr. Bailey again came to the rescue and withdrew the motion.

The question then reverted to Mr. Johnson's resolution and he alone voted for it. The original motion on Mr. Harriss' resolution was then called and he and Mr. Skinner alone voted "aye." Mr. Harriss then moved to adjourn, but before a second was had, Mr. Bailey renewed his original motion and it was unanimously adopted.

The Aldermen then set about to see really what ordinances were on the books and the Clerk read from the record of the meeting Oct. 7th. The City Attorney expressed the opinion that these ordinances were not legally adopted, for reasons which he did not desire to make public when representatives of the Sewerage Company were present. Mr. Sweeney jocularly made a motion that the representatives be required to "get out." Superintendent Parmele, of the company, came to the bar at this instant and said, as a citizen, the meeting was open and he had a right to be present, after which he took his seat. There were suggestions of an executive session, but it was deemed inexpedient.

It became noised about the hall that the objection to the legality of the ordinances was that they were proposed and passed at the same meeting, whereas the law requires that all ordinances shall be offered at one meeting and passed at a subsequent meeting. In view of the question as to the regularity of the ordinances passed at the meeting of October 7th, which are especially applicable to the Sewerage Co., they were re adopted seriatim, after which the Board passed to other business.

The ordinances in force as per readoption of those passed at the meeting October 7th were offered by Alderman Harriss and are three in number. The first allows excavations for any purpose to be made only on one side of a street at a time. The second allows excavations at intersecting streets, but same are to be protected by suitable bridges. The third provides that where excavations of any kind are made, the parties making such excavations are required to restore them "immediately" to their former condition and to keep in order for twelve months thereafter the section of street so excavated to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets.

TO IMPROVE ORANGE STREET.

That Thoroughfare From Front to Seventh Will be Next Macadamized—Board of Aldermen Proceedings.

Aside from the sewerage discussion at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night, perhaps the most interesting feature of the proceedings was the announcement by Mayor Waddell, chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee, that the next thoroughfare to be macadamized and permanently improved by the city is Orange between Front and Seventh streets. Work will likely begin on this section very soon and unless the committee is hampered by an exhaustion of the appropriation, the work will be completed in short order.

There has been a good-natured rivalry between Messrs. Skinner and Bailey on the one hand, and Messrs. VonGlahn and Sweeney on the other, as to whether Orange or Red Cross should be improved first and the former won out. The announcement was made last night by Mayor Waddell that Orange street would be the next improved just after a motion by Mr. Bailey instructing the committee to do that very work. Mayor Waddell humored the joke on Mr. Bailey, who had not heard of the decision of the committee, by putting the question and carrying it unanimously. Mr. VonGlahn had also got in "on the ground flour" and still further humored the joke by seconding Mr. Bailey's motion.

The next work which the committee was requested by motion to do is to build a twenty-foot roadway on Princess, between Ninth and Tenth streets; to repair the Ninth and Princess street crossing, and to improve permanently Fifth, between Church and Castle streets, and Castle, between Third and Seventh streets.

Other proceedings of the Board last night consisted in the granting of liquor license to E. G. Jones, at the "Diamond Saloon," No 6 South Front street; granting use of the City Hall to the Y. M. C. A. for basket ball games, beginning in January, and the appropriation of the usual $100 for making a transcript of the 1900 tax books for use of the City Attorney.

Mayor Waddell reported that the committee had unanimously and completely exonerated Capt. N. J. Williams of the charges preferred against him Tuesday night, and that no blame whatever was attached to him in the affair investigated.

JOINT PYTHIAN MEETING.

Last of Year Will be Held To-night With Germania Lodge No. 4.

The last of the series of joint meetings in vogue with the four lodges of Pythians in the city will be held to-night in the Castle Hall of Germania Lodge No. 4, on South Front street. An interesting programme has been prepared by a special committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Behrends, J. W. Duls and H. L. Vollers, and a royal good time is in store for all who attend.

Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen will preside at the meeting as Chancellor Commander; Capt. T. D. Meares as Master of Work; Mr. J. D. Nutt as Vice Chancellor, and Col. W. J. Woodward as Prelate. Mr. S. Behrends will deliver the address of welcome and one of the features of the programme will be remarks by Mr. Behrends upon the subject "Under Two Flags."

Another Child Burned to Death.

Mr. Oscar Croom, who drives one of the city carts, reported yesterday another horrible burning to death of a negro child in the extreme eastern section of the city. He was driving out in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Princess streets about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was attracted by cries of colored people in the vicinity. He went to the scene and found that a negro child about two years old had fallen into a fire in the yard and was burned to death. The child was lying in the yard in a horribly burned condition when Mr. Croom reached the scene, and the parents were standing by almost distracted with grief.

Miss Lord's Dancing Class.

Miss Cammie Lord, who has been spending some time in Newbern, will return to the city very soon and will open her day and evening dancing classes in Germania Hall on Monday, January 6th. As usual she will make a specialty of fancy dances in her day class at no extra charge, and will also teach round dances and the German. Her night class will be conducted as formerly, each gentleman taking lessons having the privilege of bringing ladies. For particulars apply at 304 South Front street.

HOLIDAY WEDDINGS.

Nuptial Events in Adjoining Towns That Have Interest for Wilmingtonians.

IN THE MORNING AND EVENING

Miss McDiarmid Became Bride of Mr. Johnston, at Fayetteville—Mr. Cooper, of Wilmington, Weds Miss Southerland, of Kenansville.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Presbyterian church was the scene of a beautiful wedding this evening at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Southerland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Southerland and a popular young lady of our village, and Mr. I. Willard Cooper, a prominent young business man of Wilmington, N. C. The church was very artistically decorated with bamboo and holly and was filled to overflowing with friends of the happy young couple.

The groom entered with his best man, Mr. John Freeman, of Wilmington. The bride came down the middle aisle, dressed in a handsome going-away caster dress, accompanied by her brother, Mr. John Southerland, who gave her away. They were preceded by the bridesmaids, Misses Mary Cooper and Mariah Loftin and the two little flower girls.

The marriage ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. W. M. Shaw, pastor of the bride. The ushers were Messrs. Nick Shine, A. F. Williams, Jr., Herbert Smith, Ed. Jones, of Wilmington, Charles Southerland and D. L. Carlton.

The wedding marches were charmingly rendered by Miss Emma Cooper. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Charleston, S. C., via Goldsboro, where they will spend some time at the Charleston Exposition, later returning to Wilmington, where they will reside in the future.

Another wedding was celebrated yesterday in an adjoining city that has much interest in it for friends in Wilmington. The STAR takes the following account of the ceremony from yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer*:

"The marriage of Mr. E. A. Johnston and Miss Janie McDiarmid attracted to the Presbyterian church, at 10 o'clock this morning, a very large concourse of people, to witness one of the most striking and beautiful wedding ceremonies in the social history of Fayetteville. The ceremony was impressively performed by the scholarly Rev. David M. Fairley, the beloved pastor of the bride, assisted by Rev. H. T. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

"The bride entered the church, escorted by her brother, Mr. James Colin McDiarmid, who gave her away, and she wore a Parisian gown of salmon cloth, trimmed in black and white applique. Her bouquet was of bride roses. The groomsmen, who were in morning dress, wearing frock coats, with boutonnieries of lilies of the valley, and the bridesmaids who wore white embroidered mousselaine over taffeta, with Nile green sashes and black picture hats and carried American beauty roses—were as follows, entering on opposite aisles:

"Miss Janie Fairley and Mr. Frank Patterson, of Baltimore; Miss Essie Johnston, of Liverpool, and Mr. Louis B. Hale; Miss Elizabeth Williams and Mr. Griswold Phelin, of Baltimore; Miss Annabelle Devane and Mr. Jno. K. Williams, of Wilmington; Miss Ellen Underwood and Mr. Wm Grenshaw, of Baltimore; Miss Martha Williams, of Wilmington, and Mr. Ernest Dinning, of Baltimore; Miss Beatrice Patterson, of Baltimore, and Mr. Arthur Butler Williams, Jr.

"The best man was the groom's brother, Mr. William Stewart Johnston, and the maid of honor was Miss Eloise McDiarmid, carrying bride roses. Beautiful features of the ceremony were Mr. A. M. Fairley, ring-bearer, and Miss Mary Williams, flower girl, with lilies of the valley.

"Mr. and Mrs. Johnston left on the 12:40 o'clock train for a honeymoon journey North.

"Mr. Johnston, of Liverpool, Eng., whose father is the wealthy owner of a line of ocean steamers, has recently made his home among us, buying extensive and valuable property, and he has made many friends by his admirable and attractive gifts. Miss McDiarmid, the lovely bride, is of a very prominent upper Cape Fear family, and is a favorite in the social circles of the State."

IS "THE DEEMSTER" COMING?

Report That the Company Stranded in Greensboro Monday—At Raleigh.

"The Deemster," scheduled to appear at the Opera House here this evening, will in all probability not reach the city, as the following from yesterday's Raleigh *News and Observer* indicates:

"The Academy of Music was dark last night, "The Deemster," which was heralded as the attraction failing to put in its appearance. Manager Rivers was notified earlier in the day that the company had stranded in Greensboro. There were fewer persons in the audience than members of the company Monday night and so no performance was given.

"Theatrical performances have been luckier than usual this year, this being the first to go to pieces hereabouts. There has been plenty of ripe material for the croos-ties this season."

A telegram from Manager Schloss, of the Opera House here, was received last night from Greensboro stating that the appearance of "The Deemster" to-night had been cancelled.

Account Christmas holidays Atlantic Coast Line will have on sale tickets to all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, including Washington, D. C., at rate of one and one-third first class fare for the round trip. Tickets sold December 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1901, and January 1st, 1902, with final limit January 3rd, 1902. Tickets may be sold students of schools and colleges on December 16th to 22nd, 1901, inclusive, with final limit January 8th, 1902, upon presentation of certificate signed by superintendents, principals or presidents thereof. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mrs. J. C. Higgins returned home yesterday morning.

— Mr. Clayton Grant is at home from the University to spend the holidays.

— J. O. Carr, Esq., is back from Burgaw, where he attended Pender Superior Court on professional business.

— Messrs. H. M. Croswell, Jr., and Croswell Ragan have gone to Rock Hill, S. C., to attend the marriage of Mr. Ragan's brother in that city this week.

— Messrs. W. L. Bryant and L. H. Randall, of Little River, S. C., arrived on the steamer *Compton* Tuesday night and are making business calls in the city.

— Mrs. Edward Kelley and little Margarette Inez left last night over the A. C. L. via Washington, D. C., to spend the Winter in Mrs. Kelley's home, Chariton, Iowa.

— Mr. Wm. B. DePue, of Washington, one of the Examiners of the Department of Justice, left yesterday for Newbern after completing his annual inspection of the books of Deputy Clerk W. H. Shaw, of the United States Court. It is needless to say that he found them well kept, correct and a model of neatness in every respect.

HOLIDAY SHIPMENTS BEGUN.

Express Company, Postoffice and All Transportation Lines Are Very Busy.

The Southern Express Company, the railway lines, the postoffice, and, in fact, every transportation institution are just now entering upon their holiday business. There is a rush with the companies at this season of the year, the Express Company being kept particularly busy. There will be little rest for the company's employes until after the holidays, for there will be a constant stream of business from this time.

During the Christmas holidays the number of packages handled by the postoffice and express company is increased many times over the usual daily business. This is largely due to the sending and receiving of Christmas presents. The great general impetus that is given to trade has much to do with it. One prime feature of the express business is the jug movement, for whiskey is shipped in great quantities during the holidays to residents of those counties wherein the prohibition laws operate.

With the railways there will be an impetus given to the passenger traffic because of the reduced rates. For students, these rates became effective Dec. 16th, lasting until Jan. 8th. For the general public they will not become effective until Dec. 23rd, when they will last until Jan. 3rd. One and one-third fares for a round trip will be the rate.

JUNIOR ORDER, AMERICAN MECHANICS

Officers Elected Last Night—State Council Coming to Wilmington in January.

Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

C.—Wm. J. Bellamy.
V. C.—W. F. Brittian.
R. S.—John E. Wood.
A. R. S.—E. Russ.
F. S.—G. C. Simmons.
Treasurer—John Thomas.
Conductor—C. W. Craig.
Warden—Jos. F. Craig.
I. S.—Owen King.
O. S.—B. P. Strickland.
Jr. P. C.—A. J. Hewlett.
Chaplain—H. T. Craig.
Trustee—Jos. F. Craig.
Representatives to State Council—J. H. Swinson and Jos. F. Craig.

The above officers will be installed Wednesday night, January 1st. The State Council will meet in this city in February. The Juniors here are looking for a big crowd of brothers to attend the State Council.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. DUFFIE.

Left a Large Fortune and Was a Most Prominent Columbia Citizen.

In speaking of the death of Mr. W. J. Duffie, which was chronicled in these columns yesterday, the Columbia correspondent of the Charleston *News and Courier* says:

"Mr. Duffie was a native of Chester county. He entered the South Carolina College in the class of 1853, leaving in 1854 and going to Laurens, where he taught school awhile, going thence to Newberry, where he was in the same business, also publishing an almanac. Then the war came and he served under Major Rowland Rhett. He came here in 1867 and began the book store business which he successfully conducted until his death. He was the publisher of Davidson's History of South Carolina,' Stevens' History of the United States, a Lutheran hymn-book and the Reynolds readers, and republished Ramsay's History of South Carolina. He has been an elder of the First Presbyterian church here since 1867, and has been for over forty years treasurer and director of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was for years an alderman, a trustee of the city schooss, a director in the College for Women and the Carolina National Bank, and was an influential citizen. He leaves a large fortune, having been possessed of about 25,000 acres of land in various portions of the State. He was twice married, Miss Mary I. Koon, of this city, being his first wife. Of this issue Wm. K. Duffie, of this city; Mrs. J. S. Lindsay, of Chester; Sam J. Duffie, of Texas; Dr. Silas J. Duffie, of New Orleans, and Mrs. D. M. Fulton, of Darlington, survive. His second wife was Miss Mary Bellamy, sister of Congressman Bellamy, of North Carolina. Of this issue two daughters, Misses Elise and Ellen, survive.

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