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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Victoria Stone, of Little River, S. C., is the guest of her sister in Baltimore. Mr. A. B. Raiford, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a day or two. Miss Louise Bellamy returned yesterday to resume her studies in college at Staunton, Va.

PHENOMENAL RECORD

Docket of the Superior Court for Two Weeks' Term Cleared in Two Days.

ADJOURNED LAST EVENING.

Hector McLachlin Given Ten Years for Burglary and Gratitann Pierce Five Years for Manslaughter—Grand Jury's Report Submitted. Matters were again rushed by Judge Timberlake and Solicitor Duffy in the Superior Court yesterday and the result was that the business of the two weeks' term was finished by evening and a permanent adjournment taken.

MASONS INSTALLED.

Wilmington and Southport Lodges Inducted New Officers into Chairs Last Night.

WITH IMPOSING CEREMONY.

Many Were Present to Witness the Exercises—A Sumptuous Banquet Served. Programme of Excellent Music by Select Artists—Address. Imposing and very impressive joint installation ceremonies were observed last night in the Masonic Temple by the Masonic lodges of Wilmington and by Pythagoras Lodge No. 319, of Southport, the members of which were guests of the local Masons for the occasion.

LOCAL DOTS.

The Clyde Line steamship Oneida arrived in port at 10:30 o'clock last night. The annual meetings of the national banks of Wilmington will be held Tuesday, January 14th. The sewerage contractors were engaged yesterday in laying pipe on Princess between Front and Second streets.

SAD AND PITIABLE CASE.

Hubband and Wife Separated, Custody of Pretty Eleven-Year-Old Girl, Devoted to Both, in Controversy.

Just prior to the adjournment of Superior Court yesterday Judge Timberlake heard several affidavits in a habeas corpus proceeding brought by Capt. W. W. Taylor, an A. C. L. conductor, Florence, S. C., for the recovery of his little 11-year-old daughter, who was in possession of Mrs. Taylor, who is separated from the husband and who now resides in Wilmington. Capt. Taylor was represented in the hearing by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and Mrs. Taylor was at first without counsel, but Herbert McClammy, Esq., when the case was called and seeing the helpless condition of the woman, volunteered his services and very ably defended her side of the case.

Opera House WEDNESDAY JAN. 8.



Innes AND HIS BAND. In combination with scenes from Grand Opera. SIXTY PEOPLE. FAMOUS SOLOISTS. FRANCES BOYDEN, ACHILLE ALBERTI, BOHUMIR KRYL, EDGARDO ZERNI and ADELE BORGHI, THE WORLD-FAMOUS ITALIAN "CARMEN."

The Annual Meeting OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK will be held at its banking house at 12 noon, Tuesday, January 14th. ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU. WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 7. Temperature: 2 A. M., 31 degrees; 4 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 58; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Died in Germany.

Members of the family in Wilmington received the sad news yesterday of the death at his home in far away Germany of Mr. Christian Bornemann, father of Wilmington's esteemed townsman, Messrs. G. W. and J. H. Bornemann and of Mrs. Catharine Gerdes, of the county. Deceased passed away on Dec. 22nd at the age of nearly 72 years.

ANNUAL MEETING N. N. S. SOCIETY.

Held Monday Night and Officers Elected. Delightful New Year Reception. The annual meeting of the N. N. S. Society of Fifth Street M. E. church, was held Monday night at the residence of Mr. E. D. Warren, Sixth, between Orange and Ann streets. After disposition of the regular routine business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Unimportant Matters Considered at Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Last Night. No business of importance was transacted at last night's regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance, upon which there were in attendance Chairman E. C. McQueen and Messrs. C. W. Yates, Jessie Wilder and J. A. Orrell.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1901.

Receipts—New Hanover county, \$125; cash, \$5; cash, \$1; cash, \$1; order of Elks, \$47.53; Mrs. M. E. Bridgers, \$25; Miss Emily Bridgers, \$25; Mrs. Elizabeth Lattimer, \$3; William Lattimer, \$2; Mrs. A. H. Lattimer, \$50; cash, \$1; Mrs. Kate DeR. Meares, \$5; Mrs. Junius Davis, \$5; Dr. J. H. Dreher, \$5; cash, \$5; Miss Margaret I. Meares, \$1; Miss Eliza M. Meares, \$5; Clayton Giles, \$5; Finance Committee of the Bal Powder, \$28.18; P. L. P. L. Bridgers, \$25; Mrs. J. W. Murphree, \$10; E. C. Holt, \$35; Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacRae, \$40; a friend, \$100; cash, \$1; a friend, \$50; Dr. Geo. C. Worth, \$25; J. Victor Grainger, \$5; cash, \$5; cash, \$1; Mrs. Bradley Wooten, \$8.75; a friend, \$150.

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NEGRO ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Henry Corbett, a negro youth who works at Mr. Frank Herbst's plantation in the country, was returning home on the Shell road yesterday about noon with a load of lumber from the city. When a short way from town some one recklessly shot a pistol toward the road and the ball took effect in the calf of the negro's leg. He returned to the city and was sent to the hospital in the city ambulance from Mr. J. D. Steljes' place, at Tenth and Market streets.

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