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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Schooner John B. Prescott foundered in the recent storm; crew saved. — A rebellion has broken out in the province of Kwangsi, China; missionaries have been ordered to leave under arms. — River and Harbor appropriation bill, as completed, gives for the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington $150,000. — Street car service in Norfolk, Va., is tied up by a strike of motormen and conductors. — Four persons injured in a collision of trains on the S. A. L. near Elberton, Ga. — James river at Richmond, Va., is still rising; it is expected that the lower part of the city will be flooded. — Train service in southern West Virginia is still seriously delayed. — A whirlwind at Pulaski, Va., caused damage amounting to many thousands of dollars. — The number of lives lost by the avalanches in the Colorado is now estimated at 20 to 25. — The law office of Senator Pritchard at Marshall, N. C., has been washed away by the flood. — Damage at Monterey, Mexico, by the storm is estimated at $300,000. — Two men murdered in their store near Savannah, Ga., and the building burned, after the safe had been blown open and rifled. — Building collapsed at Cleveland, O., and five persons killed. — The gold brick swindlers in the penitentiary at Raleigh have been granted a with of error to the United States Supreme Court. — New York markets: Money on call steady at 2 per cent.; cotton—spot steady at 8½c; flour was steady; wheat spot steady; No. 2, red 87½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2, 70c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2, 50½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 1.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 58 degrees; 1 P. M., 60 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 63 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .04; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, .04 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 3.5 feet and rising.

STORM WARNING

At 10:20 P. M. the Weather Bureau issued the following:

"Advisory: Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Norfolk section, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe. Weather disturbance near the Georgia coast; direction of movement uncertain. Squalls probable to-night. Caution till morning."

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—For North Carolina: Showers and cooler Sunday; Monday probably fair; fresh to brisk variable winds, becoming northwest.

Port Almanac—March 2.

Sun Rises	6.32 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.56 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 24 M.
High Water at Southport	1.35 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	4.05 A. M.

Senatar Tillman opened his mouth and put his foot in it again last Friday.

The writer of "Goo-Goo Eyes" is dead. If he had taken his "Goo-Goo Eyes" with him he might be forgiven.

A New England railroad gave out to Legislators last year $40,000 worth of free passes and thinks it got off cheap.

One of the questions in England is how to encourage the British hen to supply more of the $25,000,000 worth of eggs now imported to meet the demand.

When Prince Henry steers homeward he will take with him a North Carolina souvenir, 2,000 cigarettes, presented by Durham's Duke, and decorated with the Prince's crest.

France has the distinction of having more dogs to the square acre than any other European country, 3,864,000 in all, or 75 to every 1,000 inhabitants. And France isn't much of a country for sausage, either.

The superintendent of public schools in Kokomo, Ind., who has been making some observations on the cigarettes, says that out of the 1,300 boys in the schools he found 400 cigarette smokers, and these were at least two years behind the others in their studies.

In Kentucky they don't mind vendettas and that kind of thing much, but they are drawing the line on the wife beater. There is a bill before the Legislature to establish the whipping post for that kind of fellows.

An anxious enquirer asks the New York *Sun* why a dog wags his tail. That's what the dog's tail is for, to wag, and the dog has to wag it himself because if he wanted to he couldn't get any other dog to wag it for him. Some people ask such foolish questions.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The regular monthly board meetings will be held to-morrow.

— A Spanish barque is loading cotton at Charleston for Barcelona.

— John Hall, colored, went to jail from Justice Fowler's court yesterday charged with carrying concealed weapon.

— Scip Ashe, an old offender in the police court, was sent to the county roads yesterday for ten days for non payment of costs.

— On account of the attraction at the Opera House Tuesday night, the meeting of the Piano Club is postponed until the following week.

— The services at Brooklyn Baptist church will be at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. to day, conducted by Rev. E. J. Edwards, pastor of Southport church.

— Miss Cammie Lord will begin a new term in dancing on Monday at Germania Hall. The day school will meet at 3:45 P. M.; night school, 8:15 P. M.

— The steamer *Compton* arrived at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Little River, S. C. She was delayed a short time on account of rough weather.

— The Carpenters' and Joiners' Union will attend the First Baptist church in a body to-night and Dr. Blackwell's theme will be "The Carpenter of Nazareth."

— Clyde Lee, who was tried Thursday by Justice Jno. J. Fowler for committing a nuisance on one of the street cars, paid the fine and costs and was not sent to the roads.

— The names of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones are among the list of thirty couples invited by Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt to the dinner she will give Prince Henry to-day week.

— The exterior wood work of Wilmington's handsome postoffice building is being neatly painted. The color is a dark, rich brown, which contrasts very agreeably in color with the stone.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, 1st: "There was 40½ feet of water in the Cape Fear at 8 o'clock this morning with a rapid rise in progress. Mr. Frank Glover, the local government agent here, thinks it will reach as high as 50 feet."

— The King's Daughters will give a delightful entertainment in the lecture room of the First Baptist church Wednesday evening. Oysters and other refreshments will be served and a programme of literary and musical features observed.

— The revenue cutter *Algonquin* came up yesterday from Southport after a cruise along the coast. The cutter officers report a severe squall which came up at Southport about 5:30 P. M. Friday. The cutter was anchored in the harbor and the wind blew so hard that the big ship dragged anchor a short distance.

The Mayor's Court Yesterday.

In the Mayor's court yesterday Jno. Daniels, Willie Daniels and Jas. Cavatt, young white boys, were arraigned for being disorderly about the Opera House Friday night. They were given a severe lecture by the Mayor and ordered locked up for a few hours in the station house. Henry Nelson and Willie Bonham, colored boys, were arraigned for shooting sling shots. One of them was discharged upon promise of the boy's father to severely thrash him and the other one was locked up for a few days.

Will Be Making Ice To-morrow.

The Independent Ice Company announces through the advertising columns of the STAR to-day that the new plant will begin making ice to-morrow morning and that the product will be on the market the latter part of this week, when the company will name prices and be prepared to enter into contracts. In its announcement the company says: "All we expect is a fair return on our investment and on this basis we respectfully solicit business, promising courteous treatment and prompt delivery at all times."

KATHERINE KENNEDY HOME.

Contributions to the "Katherine Kennedy Home" for February 1902: Mrs. Bridgers, coffee; Mrs. Roger Moore, sugar; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, potatoes, hominy; Miss Louise Harlow, maccaroni; Miss Watters, bread, maple syrup, ham; Lutheran ladies through Mrs. H. Rehder, cake, milk; Mrs. J. L. Cantwell, rice.

The monthly meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Home.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. N. S.—Musicale.
D. O'Connor—For rent.
W. W. Way—Removal.
N. F. Parker—Pertinent.
W. B. Cooper—Tomatoes.
U. S. Court—Legal notice.
Opera House—"King John."
Independent Ice Co.—Notice.
Hardin's Pharmacy—Needed.
Geo. O. Gaylord—To see you.
People's Savings Bank—How?
Vollers & Hashagen—Always.
S. & B. Solomon—Ribbon sale.
Hon. Geo. D. Winston—Address.
Mercer & Evans Co.—The contest.
Hanover Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Notice.
Murchison National Bank—Statem't.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Cosmo's pictures
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Spring goods.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Walter Taft—Business opening.
Cape Fear Camp U. C. V.—Meeting.
Miss Cammie Lord—Dancing.
Wanted—Orders.
S. B. Anders—For sale.

STRAWBERRY CROP.

Outlook for Approaching Season is Bright for Yield, Prices and Quality.

THE REFRIGERATOR SERVICE.

The Fruit Growers' Express Promises Improved Transportation — Truck Growers' Journal's View of the Situation.

Forty days hence this section of Eastern North Carolinia, or at least that portion of it devoted to strawberry culture, will be all aglow with feverish excitement over the approaching heavy movement of the berry crop, which, this year, all concede, will be the largest in the history of the industry in this section.

The *Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal*, the official organ of the Eastern Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, in its issue of yesterday presents a page review of the outlook for the season, which makes altogether interesting reading for growers's and those interested in the handling of the crop. Altogether the *Journal's* estimate of strawberry increase in acreage this year over last is fully 20 per cent. Much of the increase however is of last fall's planting which will not yield more than half crop. The vines have been well cared for all through the winter and the field- are generally all well strawed. From every point at which inquiries have been made respecting conditions and the general outlook for the 1902 crop, reports of a most encouraging character have been received and the growers generally are in a very hopeful frame of mind. By all it is conceded that the yield this year bids fair to be unusually heavy and the fruit of a superior quality. Vegetation has been held back by reason of the cold winter thus far, as a result of which there has been no premature budding or forward growth of the vines. When spring opens, therefore, and the season for budding is ripe there will no doubt be a harmonious blending of all the elements in favor of a good and wholesome yield and a high order of fruit.

In the vegetable line, the *Journal* says, the outloook is equally bright. Lettuce shipments have been going forward practically all the year round, and shipments are of good average value. The bean and pea crops will be up to the average this year and far ahead of last season, while the potato, canteloupe and watermelon crops will be among the most important in the history of this section. The farmers have their work of cultivation well under way, and the season's returns should be large and remunerative.

Mr. H. T. Bauman, the enterprising business agent of the Truckers' Association, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee in this city, submitted a statement showing the acreage in strawberries to be about 4,767 acres along the lines of the W. & W., W. C. & A. and A. & Y. roads. This indicates an increase over last year of not exceeding 10 per cent., but the *Journal* yesterday differed with Mr. Bauman on that point and places the increase at fully 20 per cent. Detailing its reasons for that estimate, the *Journal* says that along the W. C. & A. road and connections, the increase will be fully 50 per cent. over last year, while the greatest increase along the W. & W. road is to be found south of Wallace. Above that point there will be no increase to speak of, the decrease at some places offsetting any increase at others. Along the Yadkin division the increase will be largely confined to the territory between Wilmington and Parkersburg, although at Fayetteville a slight increase is reported.

In a detailed report of the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Truckers' Association in this city, upon which Mr. G. B. Robbins, of the Fruit Growers' Express, was in attendance, the *Journal* says of the refrigerator service this season:

"With Mr. Robbins the question of equipment for the coming year was discussed most satisfactorily and he assured the committee that no stone would be left unturned by his company to give the shippers a gilt-edge refrigerator service in every particular. Although he would not commit himself in words and language to that effect Mr. Robbins gave the committee reasonable assurances that the C. F. X. cars would most likely form a part of his company's 1902 equipment for this territory. Our people are quite familiar with the C. F. X. cars and are generally preferred by our shippers to any other equipment for the transportation of strawberries. Year in and year out it is a good carrier and with additional icing stations in this territory at various points along the Wilmington & Weldon and W. C. & A. railroads, facilities are better than ever before."

Snatched Pocket Book.

Mrs. Charles Anderson, who resides near Sixth and Orange streets, while on her way to the Odd Fellow's reception Friday night, had her purse snatched from her hands by an unknown negro, who was crouched behind a tree on Sixth street between Orange and Ann. Mrs. Anderson was walking alone to board a street car on which to come down to the reception and the audacity of the thief so non-plussed her that she was unable to give any description of the man afterwards. Fortunately the purse contained only some small change and a pocket book.

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

OPERA HOUSE THIS WEEK.

"King John" Tuesday, "Fabio Romani" Wednesday and "Casino Girl" Friday—Splendid Attractions.

McLean and Tyler—The announced return engagement of Mr. McLean and Miss Tyler at the Opera House on Tuesday evening is of peculiar interest to the theatre-going public of the city. The engagement is considered one of the most important ever secured for the local play-house, and the great stars will undoubtedly be greeted by one of the largest audiences that ever assembled in the house. Both Mr. McLean and Miss Tyler have long been recognized as among the leading lights in the theatrical profession, and this season they have undertaken a revival of the legitimate drama on an elaborate scale. That they have met with unbounded success is attested by the splendid houses that have greeted them in every city in which they have so far appeared, and by the enthusiastic criticisms from press and public everywhere. By request Shakespeare's historical drama "King John" will be presented on the coming night. Seats on sale Monday morning at Gerken's.

Fabio Romani—Aiden Benedict's "Fabio Romani," which will be the attraction at the Opera House Wednesday night, is a dramatization by Chas. W. Chase of Marie Correlli's most popular novel, "The Vendetta," and is now one of the most popular plays before the public. It is now in the thirteenth season of uninterrupted success, which of itself is proof of the merit of the production. Seats on sale Tuesday morning.

The Casino Girl—Bright and catchy music, dainty songs, witty comedians, lots of pretty girls, and a most gorgeous production are the features of the musical comedy, "The Casino Girl," which is announced as one of the principal attractions secured by Manager Schloss, and which will be presented at the Opera House Friday evening. The piece has made an enormous hit both in New York and in London, in which cities it has been presented for the two past seasons, and now, for the first time it is being taken on a tour of the principal cities of this country.

BUILDING BOOM AT BURGAW.

Pender's County Seat is Flourishing. Army of Produce Solicitors Arriving.

Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday on one of his periodical professional visits. When asked by a reporter for the news, Mr. Williams said: "You can say that our town, Burgaw, is now on the boom. Three large brick stores are just being completed there and they will be occupied very soon by wide-wake merchants, who are on the look-out for the strawberry business about 60 days hence. The stores are all handsome ones, of large size and are a valuable addition to our place. I have travelled from Wilmington to Rocky Mount much in the past few weeks and I find no such building boom as there is now on at Burgaw."

Speaking of the strawberry outlook Mr. Williams said that the advance guard of the small army of produce solicitors was already arriving in the strawberry belt. He also said that the disposition on the part of the growers this year seemed to be to sell their berries on the spot and not risk consignments to parties of unknown responsibility in the North. They were badly fooled in some instances and paid for their berries in bogus checks last season and don't want a repetition of that treatment this year.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.

Mr. Jno. W. Turner Died of Consumption Friday Night—Funeral To-day.

Jno. W. Turner, a young man highly esteemed by a large number of acquaintances and lately employed in the Wilmington Cotton Mills, died Friday night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. A. C. Brown, No. 507 Harnett street. Mr. Turner had been ill for some time with consumption, and his death was not unexpected. He was a native of Duplin county, and was in the 23rd year of his age when he died.

He leaves to mourn their loss a father, Mr. J. J. Turner; a brother, Mr. George Turner, and two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Brown and Mrs. M. C. Barfield, of this city. The funeral will be held at 3 P. M. to day from the residence by Rev. J. W. Porter, and the interment will be in Bellevue. Deceased was a valued member of Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., and members of that body will assemble at their lodge room at 2 o'clock this afternoon to attend the funeral.

COLUMBUS SUPERIOR COURT.

Adjourned Last Night—Very Little Business Transacted During the Week.

L. V. Grady, Esq., returned yesterday from Whiteville where he had been in attendance upon the one-week term of Columbus Superior Court, which adjourned last night.

The court was engaged a greater portion of the week in hearing a long case entitled Lucas va. the Seaboard Air Line railway, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover of the defendant $3,000 for an alleged overflow of his lands near Marlville, N. C., by water. The suit was begun in Bladen Superior Court, on one occasion a verdict of $2,800 having been set aside and on the other, the case having been transferred to Columbus county for trial. The hearing this time began on Wednesday afternoon. Maj. Jno. D. Shaw, of Rockingham; Jno. D. Shaw, Jr., Esq., of Laurinburg, and D. J. Lewis, Esq., of Whiteville, were the attorneys for the railroad, while those for the defendant were C. C. Lyon, Esq., of Elizabethtown, and J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville. The remainder of the Columbus term last week was devoted to criminal cases.

HAUSER MUST SERVE.

Appeal of Case to Supreme Court for House-Burning Has Been Abandoned.

HIS SENTENCE TEN YEARS.

Will Begin Upon His Term in Penitentiary as Soon as Dismissal is Certified Down From Higher Tribunal. Convicted November 9th.

H. Hauser, the Swiss watchmaker tried and convicted at last November's term of the New Hanover Superior Court for having set fire to and partially burned his jewelry store on Market between Front and Second streets, will not have the advantage of a hearing of his case on appeal to the Supreme Court as was expected.

The case would have been heard by the Supreme Court in Raleigh next Tuesday, but the attorneys for the defence in the action decided that there was no longer any use to fight the case and failed to perfect the same on appeal, which virtually amounts to a withdrawal. On Tuesday, therefore, the case will be called in the Supreme Court and it will be in order for the State's attorneys, Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy, Herbert McClammy and Wm. J. Bellamy, Esqs., to make a motion for dismissal, which disposition of the matter will, without a doubt, be made. The dismissal will then be certified down to the Clerk of the Superior Court in New Hanover and Hauser will be sent to the penitentiary to begin a term of ten years in that institution.

The trial of Hauser lasted four days in the Superior Court and created much interest at the time from the volume and sensational character of the evidence for the prosecution. Attorneys for Hauser made every effort to get a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy set aside and a new trial ordered, but without avail. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court and bond fixed at $2,000. Hauser could not give the bond and has since been confined in jail here, pending the result of the appeal to the Supreme Court. He has been a most exemplary prisoner and a number of friends have worked hard to secure his release. He is 51 years of age and a man of much more than ordinary intelligence. The crime of which he stands convicted was committed on August 11th, last year. He was tried in the Superior Court November following.

DR. WINSTON'S ADDRESS NEXT WEEK

Much Interest is Manifested by Commercial Bodies—A Live Subject.

Much interest is being manifested in commercial circles over the address to be delivered here in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium next Friday night by Dr. Geo T. Winston, president of the A. & M. College, on the Industrial Development of Eastern North Carolina and country adjacent to Wilmington. In speaking of the address a prominent business man of Wilmington said yesterday:

"This will be a rare opportunity to those who want to keep in touch with the march of progress, as well as to equip themselves, in a time when to lag means to falter, and as this applies to individuals, so it does to cities.

"There is no section in North Carolina that Nature has done so much for as it has in the Wilmington section, and to take advantage of it as we should would mean a long stride in the way of progress.

"Dr. Winston may not be able to tell us all new things, but no doubt he will tell us all something that we are overlooking. If he can unite the citizens of Wilmington in putting their shoulders together in resolving to do as much for Wilmington as Nature has done for us, we would soon have a city unsurpassed by none on the Atlantic coast."

CARPENTERS' & JOINERS' UNION.

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night—All Will Attend Service This Evening.

Local Union No. 899, Carpenters' and Joiners' Association, held an enthusiastic meeting last night. Several applications for membership were received and five persons were initiated.

Financial Secretary F. B. Baldwin tendered his resignation, as he has accepted a position with the S. A. L. at Portsmouth, Va.; G. F. Quinn was elected financial secretary to fill the unexpired term. All were enthusiastic over the prospect of the treat in store for them this evening in Dr. Blackwell's sermon on the "Carpenter of Nazareth," and all are requested to meet at the hall not later than 7 o'clock P. M., to go to the church in a body.

Great Falls Mfg. Co.

The Great Falls Mills, near Rockingham, recently purchased by Mr. D. L. Gore, of this city, have begun operations and are turning out a handsome product in Rockingham A. sheeting and heavy drills. About 85 hands are employed and six bales of cotton consumed per day. Mr. Claude Gore, formerly of Wilmington, is superintendent and secretary and treasurer of the mill. Contracts have been placed by the company for a new electric lighting system and automatic sprinklers, which will be installed during the summer. The mill has 4,500 spindles, but will be enlarged if conditions are favorable.

HANDSOME SAILING VESSEL.

Five-Masted Schooner Blown From Her Course and 24 Days Out, in for Harbor at Southport.

The big five-masted schooner *Prescott Palmer*, 2,307 tons, Capt. D. H. Sumner, one of the only two or three vessels of that rig in existence, and bound light from Bath, Me., to Baltimore, arrived at Southport at 10 A. M. yesterday and dropped anchor, having been blown out of her course 600 miles. The vessel, which is owned by Palmer Bros., of Bath, and built only last year, is in perfectly sound condition although she has been at sea and tossed by numerous storms for 24 days and nights. Capt. Sumner suffered a painful fracture of the right arm on Feb. 9th as a result of the rough sea, but beyond that all is well with the crew, and the schooner will likely proceed as soon as another master arrives to relieve Capt. Sumner. He consulted Dr. Watson at Southport yesterday and found that the temporary setting of his arm had begun to knit nicely, although the arm will be crooked for life unless it is broken again and re-set. That Capt. Sumner decided he would not have done just yet.

Those who came up from Southport yesterday say the schooner is lying just off the *Wilmington's* wharf, and is one of the prettiest vessels that ever entered the port; she is certainly the largest schooner that ever came over the Cape Fear bar and would carry three million feet of lumber for a single cargo. There are two or three six-masters in the world and about the same number the size of the *Palmer*.

THE FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Remains of Rev. P. C. Morton Will be Laid to Rest To-day.

The funeral of the late Rev. P. C. Morton will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, the pastor, will officiate, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Miss Annette Morton, daughter of the deceased, arrived last night from Greensboro, where she is in college, and two brothers, Rev. Dr. W. D. Morton, of Rocky Mount, and Rev. Jno. B. Morton, of Tarboro, arrived during the day to be with the family and to attend the funeral.

Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., has been called to meet at the armory at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of their deceased comrade in a body.

Roaring Irish Comedy.

"Finnigan's Ball" was attended by a very good-sized audience for a Saturday engagement at the theatre last night. The comedy comes this year somewhat improved over last season, and those in the audience seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The singing of Mr. John Keifer, tenor, was a feature, while the characters *Finnigan* and *Casey* were very well interpreted. The company did not reach here from Florence in time for the matinee yesterday afternoon.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

The monthly stock report of cotton and naval stores, posted yesterday at the Produce Exchange, is presented in the commercial columns of the STAR to-day. Cotton receipts for February were about 10,000 bales in excess of those during the same month last year, while there was a falling off of about two-thirds in spirits turpentine. The other items in the list about held their own.

Will Not Leave To-day.

Mr. Jas. G. Cotchett, the popular invoice clerk in the cotton exporting house of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, expected to leave to day for Portsmouth, Va., to take a responsible position in the general offices of the Seaboard Air Line system, but a change in his plans was made late yesterday afternoon by which his friends hope he may decide to remain permanently in Wilmington.

March Music Festival.

Interest grows apace in the elaborate musicale to be given Tuesday night in the lecture room of Fifth Street M. E. Church by the N. N. Society of that congregation. Some of the most talented singers in the city have a place on the programme, the literary exercises will be of a high order and a most hospitable reception will be extended to all.

Prominent Society Folk.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and a party of about fifteen other prominent New York society people arrived yesterday morning on a private car and Pullman attached to the regular train from the North. They went through to Mr. Pembroke Jones' handsome country home, "Airlie," where they will be guests for some time.

New Shallott Steamer.

Mr. F. P. White, owner and builder of the new steamboat now being constructed at Shallotte N. C. to ply between that point and Wilmington, was in the city yesterday. He says the hull has been completed and the machinery is now ready for installation. The new steamer will be ready for her trial trip in about to days and will cost $2,500 when completed.

— Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer*: "Mr. Gabriel Holmes, of Wilmington, arrived at noon to join his wife, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mallett, on Rowan street."

THE INDEPENDENT ICE CO.

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT ITS NEW FACTORY WILL

Begin making ICE to-morrow morning, March 3rd, and will have Ice on sale

by the latter part of the week when we will be prepared to name prices and enter into contracts.

Our plant is of the latest improved and modern in construction throughout, which will enable us to offer the people of Wilmington

Pure Crystal Ice of the highest grade at reasonable prices.

All we expect is a fair return on our investment and on this basis we respectfully solicit business, promising courteous treatment and prompt deliveries at all times.

J. A. SPRINGER, President.
WM. E. SPRINGER, Vice President.
L. H. SIMMONS, Manager.
DAN'L H. PENTON, Sec'y and Treas'r.
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HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY?

Are you doing it in a way to receive substantial benefit? Are you laying aside something for a "Rainy Day?" If not, you will never have a better time to begin than now. To get quickly started, begin the easiest way; come to THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK and open a savings account. Do not wait for a large sum, for it may never come. Just deposit whatever you have to spare, no matter how small the amount. We will gladly assist you in getting started.

The People's Savings Bank.

Opposite the Postoffice.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
mar 2 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Statement of the Condition of **The Murchison National Bank** OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At close of business, February. 25, 1902.
(Began business March 1, 1902.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 541,238 33	Capital stock	$ 200,000.00
U. S. Bonds	201,000 00	Profits less expenses	45,599 39
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,800 00	Circulation	176,950 00
Real Estate for Bank Building	30,357 64	Deposits	630,994.85
Revenue stamps	122 62		
Cash on hand and in banks	312,445 63		
	$1,083,544 25		$1,083,544 25

We solicit your account. We can furnish you every accommodation consistent with safe banking. mch 2 tf

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. T. Pinner, of Southport, is at the Orton.

— Messrs. John H. Land and Henry Brown, of Chadbourn, arrived last night.

— Mr. Thos. Atkinson, of Richmond, is the guest of his father, Col. Jno. W. Atkinson.

— Mr. H. A. Rankin, of Atkinson, N. C., arrived last evening and is a guest of The Orton.

— Friends of Mr. W. T. Bannerman will regret to know that he is very ill with heart disease.

— Mr. Jno. G. Magle, representing the "Burgomaster Company," artived last night from the South.

— Mr. James H. Cowan is expected home in a few days, his theatrical engagement having closed at Anniston, Ala.

— Mr. Sam. A. Matthews, of the Imperial Pine Product Co., at Cronly, N. C., arrived yesterday to spend Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

— Messrs. Geo. C. and Collinson Burgwin, of Pittsburg, Pa., extensive real estate owners in New Hanover, arrived yesterday and are guests at The Orton.

— Capt. James I. Metts was greeted on the streets again yesterday by many friends after a severe attack of la grippe. Capt. Metts is yet unwell but is able to be out.

— Mr. J. L. Daddow left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta. His fellow employes in the A. C. L. shops presented to him a handsome silver service before his departure.

— Miss Sarah Gardner, supervising milliner for J. H. Rehder & Co., has returned from the Northern markets with the prettiest selection of Spring millinery they have ever had yet.

— Rev. J. J. Payseur returned Friday from Fortress Monroe, Va., where he stood his examination for enlistment as chaplain in the U. S. army. He it now awaiting orders from Washington.

— Miss Mamie Davis is visiting Miss Mabel Rittenhouse (formerly of this city) at Elizabeth, N. J. She has gone to be present at the wedding of the latter, and will also visit in New York and Brooklyn.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of Bro. Thos. F. Toon, beg leave to report:

WHEREAS, Our Supreme Grand Master has seen fit to call from labor to rest our brother, Thos. F. Toon, whose connections with Free Masonry was severed by death on the 18th day of February, 1902; therefore, St. Albans Lodge No. 144, A. F. & A. M., do resolve:

1st.—That Brother Toon in his social, family and moral life illustrated many of the best tenents of Free Masonry and was an honorable worthy citizen and efficient State officer.

2nd.—That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and join in their grief in this their sad hour of bereavement, trusting that they may find comfort in the promises of God's word.

3rd.—That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

4th.—That this lodge be draped in mourning, and the members thereof wear the usual badge of mourning for a period of thirty days, as our expression of grief for the loss of our deceased brother.

5th.—That we extend our sincere thanks to our brethren of Wm. G. Hill Lodge No. 218 of Raleigh, N. C., for their faithful service to Brother Toon during his sickness and in death, as all faithful Free Masons they never forsook him till they proved the last sad rite at his grave.

6th.—That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, one sent to the family of the deceased brother and one to Wm. G. Hill Lodge; also, a copy to the "Orphan's Friend," "Wilmington Star," "Charlotte Observer," "Wilmington Messenger," "News and Observer," "Robesonian" and "Argus" for publication. Respectfully submitted,

E. K. PROCTOR, JR.,
FRANK GOUGH,
R. TRAWICK ALLEN,
C. D. TOWNSEND,
R. E. LEE,
Committee.

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PERTINENT.

Since the up-building of the Beaches has made it possible for a man of moderate means to have a Summer Home, it has become necessary for a live Furniture dealer to divide the bulk of his stock into two separate and distinctive classes of Furniture, appropriately termed "Winter and Summer Furnishings." To make room for my Summer Furnishings" I will give you close cut prices on my Winter stock. Compare these prices with "Removal sales" and Fake Close outs.—My goods with shoddy goods and you will give me your trade.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH.
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Mr. MacLean and Miss Tyler,
with their incomparable Company. In Shakespeare's Historical Drama,
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Perfect acting, superb costuming and magnificent mounting. mar 1 3t

Opera House
Wednesday, March 5th.
FABIO ROMANI.
A Romantic Melodrama of surpassing Excellence. Greatest of all stage and scenic effects.
MISS OLLIE COOKE
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WE OFFER
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NOTICE.

Members of Hanover Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., are requested to assemble at the lodge room at 2 o'clock this afternoon to attend the funeral of brother J. W. Turner, which will be held at 3 o'clock from the residence No. 507 Harnett street; interment at Bellevue Cemetery. All Odd Fellows invited to attend. By order of Noble Grand.
mar 2 1t S. G. HALL, Sec'y.

REMOVAL.

The undersigned has removed his Plumbing business from Joseph F. Craig, the tinner's, to Mr. A. Watkins', No. 6 Princess street, where he will be pleased to fill all orders entrusted to him. Satisfaction guaranteed. New sewerage work a specialty.
mar 2 1t. W. W. WAY.

N. N. S.

March Musicale, Lecture room of Fifth Street M. E. church, Tuesday evening, March 4th, 1902, at 8:30 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.
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Hon. George D. Winston, LL. D.

President of the A. & M. College, having been invited by the joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange, to address the public on the Industrial Developments of Eastern North Carolina, especially of Wilmington and adjacent section, will speak at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Friday, March 7th, at 8 P. M. The public are cordially invited, especially the young men. Those who will hear him will be richly rewarded. Committee—M. S. Willard, D. L. Gore, M. W. Jacobi, H. C. McQueen, B. F. Keith, J. W. Norwood, Joint Committee of Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange. mch 7 tf