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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Mrs. Grant died Sunday night at her home in Washington City. — All her depositions have been taken in the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of the State of South Dakota against the State of North Carolina. — Senator Prentiss declares in favor of a reduction of representation of Southern States in Republican national convention. — The Statehood bill and the Billia bill were discussed by the Senate yesterday. — In the House the bill passed for a union railroad station in Washington to cost four millions. — Alice Hopkins was arrested Sunday at Live Oak, Fla., on charge of kidnapping. — Italy will participate in the blockade of Venezuelan vessels. — The State Department at Washington has notified the allies that American vessels at Venezuela must not be interfered with. — Among Senators and Representatives the situation is regarded as critical, but it is believed the United States will be engaged in the controversy. — Three lives lost in a temental fire in New York city. — Money on call was at 4 1/2 per cent. Cotton quiet at 15 1/2; flour was quiet but steady; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 3/4; corn—dell, No. 2 1/4; oats—spot firm, No. 2 1/4; rosin firm; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 15.
Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
Temperature: 5 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 54; minimum, 33 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for last 24 hours, 2.38.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY:
Wilmington, Dec. 15.—For North Carolina: Rain Tuesday; brisk to high west to south winds. Wednesday fair.
STORM WARNING.
Northeast storm signals displayed Sunday night were changed at 9:50 P. M. Monday to southeast signals. The storm was over southern Lake Michigan, moving north northeast. High east to southeast winds Tuesday.

Port Almanac—December 16.

From the... 4.04 A. M.
From the... 4.47 P. M.
From the... 9.45 A. M.
From the... 8.35 A. M.
From the... 10.05 A. M.

One thing can be said about that negro party to be organized in Alabama: there will be no trouble in identifying it.

Edison has discovered an electrical way to destroy disease germs. Very few of them can stand two or three thousand volts.

The piracy industry still flourishes in the Philippine waters, but we haven't heard any one claiming that as one of the results of the Dingley tariff.

It is reported that the Mad Mullah was speared in the stomach while at prayer. There is no evidence yet that England is very mad about it.

The British and German operations in Venezuela have done what President Castro had been trying to do for some time, brought the Venezuelans together, and temporarily at least, stopped the domestic chaos.

The papers certainly could not have read that sent off John Barrett gave the number of the Review of Reviews, or they would not have objected to him as Minister Beck's successor.

It is said that the late T. B. Reed, who went to New York a poor man, made \$300,000 in the past two years in dealing in stocks. He got the right kind of tips. In addition to that he was making about \$50,000 a year in his law practice.

Seventy-five operatives in a Lancaster, Pa., factory struck a few days ago. They were getting along all right and everything was serene until the operators appointed a negro supervisor. That didn't strike their fancy and they struck. Some things white folks don't like anywhere.

A Pennsylvania sovereign who is 75 years old, has a brother aged 83 and a sister 80, says if you want to live long live right, get plenty of sleep, treat everybody right, speak kindly to every one, and be temperate in eating and drinking. That's a pretty good recipe it is whether it guarantees longevity or not.

Bernard N. Baker, retired from business in Baltimore, is devoting some of his time to dividing \$350,000 among the employees who helped him make his money, and has thus set a commendable example for others who have accumulated more money than they have any use for.

NEWS AT STATE CAPITAL.

Great Falls Manufacturing Co. Increases Capital—Tilt Between Spears and Judge Purnell.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALPHIGH, N. C., Dec. 15.—The charter of the Great Falls Manufacturing Co., of Rockingham, was amended today, allowing an increase of capital from \$100,000 to \$150,000. D. L. Gore, L. B. Rogers and H. C. Bridgers filed the application. The Blades Lumber Co., of Newbern, was chartered with \$150,000 capital to-day. W. B. Blades and Jas. B. Blades are among the incorporators. The State Auditor mailed to county registers of deeds to-day the warrants on the treasury for pensions due the Confederate veterans of each county. The roll comprises 11,800, an increase of 3,425 over last year. The portion of \$300,000 for each pensioner will, therefore, be considerably less than last year. Judge Purnell says he has not made a demand for the removal of Oscar Spears, U. S. Assistant District Attorney, but he will file a private letter to Washington telling of his contemptuous conduct in the Federal court here. He will make no public statement of the situation. The general belief here is that Spears will be removed. J. A. Gile, C. M. Bernard, F. H. Whitaker, and others are in Washington now looking after personal interests in the case. Spears' official head is cut off. District Attorney Skinner also went to Washington to-day. Spears has since made an apology to Purnell but the Judge told him it was too late. Notice was received here from Bishop Smith to-night that the original conference appointments of Rev. G. T. Adams to the Central church of Raleigh, and Rev. R. O. Beaman to Trinity church, Durham; Rev. L. E. Thompson to Washington and Rev. F. M. Shambarger to Fifth Street, Wilmington, would stand, and that Washington would have to receive Rev. Mr. Thompson. The Raleigh church rebelled against the removal of its pastor, Rev. Mr. Adams. After notice that he would remain the stewards to-night voted him an increase from \$1,000 to \$1,200 in salary.

The action of Judge Purnell referred to above is the result of a rupture with the assistant attorney that occurred in open court in Raleigh last week. The information received is that during the trial of a case Mr. Spears was examining a witness in an aggressive manner, when the judge interrupted him and forbade him continuing the examination along the lines he had undertaken. The assistant attorney, so it is said, was resentful, and resorted to unbecomingly building methods. The judge's action incensed Mr. Spears, whereupon he suggested that his honor finish the examination of the witness. This is said to have angered Judge Purnell, who further rebuked Mr. Spears, informing him that such conduct on the part of a subordinate officer of the court was contemptuous. Efforts were made to bring about a reconciliation and the avenue opened to Mr. Spears for squaring himself with the court was an apology in open session. This suggestion he refused to accept, and Judge Purnell has brought the situation to a climax.

There are advances all along the line in the turpentine market. Yesterday spirits was firm at 5 1/2 cents; rosin, firm at \$1.35@1.40; tar, firm at \$1.60, and crude, firm at \$1.75@1.80. These are the best all-around prices that have prevailed in some time.

The Norwegian bark *Fram*, hence with cargo for New Castle-on-Tyne; British schooner *W. S. Fielding*, hence with cargo for Hayti, and the American schooner *Scottia*, Portland, Me., to Havana, passed out at Southport 8 A. M. Sunday. British schooner *Havelock* arrived Sunday, light, from St. Kitt's, consigned to J. T. Riley & Co. She will receive a cargo of lumber.

LOCAL DOTS.

The STAR returns its thanks to the Home Brewing Co. for a handsome New Year calendar. — Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones will entertain a party of notable society folk from the North at "Arlie" during the Xmas holidays. — At auction to-morrow noon at the Court House a desirable small house and lot on Fourth street, between Bladen and Harnett, will be sold.

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen did not materialize last night. The call was not made by the required number of members of the Board as was expected.

U. S. Steamboat Inspectors Rice and Borden, of Charleston, are in the city and will to-day make a general inspection of the steamers *Hurt, Emma and Buck*, of the harbor craft.

Rev. John Webb, colored, is in the city soliciting aid for the Colored Orphan's Asylum at Oxford, N. C. He bears excellent testimonials as to his personal character and the worthiness of the cause which he represents.

The Electrical Wire Workers' Union enjoyed a smoker and initiated four new members at a regular meeting last night on the fourth floor of the Atlantic National Bank building. The refreshments was served by the Excelsior Cafe.

Seven cases were disposed of in the police court yesterday, a majority of the defendants having been fined \$5 and costs. Two of them—Lobby Lane, colored, for an affray, and William Hugh Douglas, colored, for drunkenness—were sent to the roads for 30 days each.

It is reported that a few flakes of snow fell in Wilmington as early as 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Later the weather moderated considerably and the day was a very pleasant one, the atmosphere being just crisp enough for overcoats and wraps and not too cold to interfere with Christmas shopping.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—Bids wanted. People's Savings Bank—New year. Wilmington Grocery Co.—Christmas goods.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Shot-speckled hound. At Auction—Small house and lot. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip. Johnson from the blood and do its work quick and do it right. Old and neglected cases of Grip are quickly cured by a course of this wonderful medicine. Write to A. E. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga., for Agency.

BIG COTTON CARGO.

The British Steamer *Hermiston*, Cleared Yesterday, Largest Loaded Here.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Schooners in at Southport On Account of Head Winds—Naval Stores Bringing Good Prices—Southbound Fleet Sailed Sunday.

Except one in 1899, the British steamer *Hermiston*, Capt. W. L. Bain, cleared yesterday with the largest cargo of cotton ever shipped from the port of Wilmington. She goes to Liverpool and carries 16,165 bales, 7,917,555 pounds, valued at \$378,000, and at \$678,000, and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. The largest cargo ever taken from Wilmington was aboard the British steamer *Almora*, 2,885 tons, which was cleared by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son Oct. 4th, 1899, with 16,600 bales, 8,456,294 pounds, valued at \$634,300. The steamer which cleared yesterday has a displacement of four net tons more than the *Almora*, but on account of her shape she carries 435 bales of cotton less than the record breaker of 1899. This year's cargo is, however, more valuable by \$38,700, notwithstanding the smaller number of bales, as will be seen by the figures above. The *Hermiston* will sail this morning with a displacement of something over 20 feet or 2,839 tons. Messrs. Sprunt & Son are to be congratulated upon the wonderful development of Wilmington's trade abroad. They are pioneers in this enterprise, the firm having been established in 1885. On Oct. 5th 1881 their first steamer went to the same port for which the *Hermiston* will sail to-day—Liverpool. Steamers that came here then were small, the first having carried only 3,485 bales of cotton, 873 cases of spirits and 650 barrels of rosin. Now great foreign ships proceed with ease up the river and depart with cargoes nearly five times as large as then. It is an example upon a large scale of what industry and enterprise will accomplish in any business.

Schooner *Henry Weiler*, Charleston to Providence, was spoken off the Cape Fear bar Sunday and asked to be reported. Yesterday she came into Southport harbor on account of head winds and is awaiting favorable weather to proceed. The schooner *Rebecca E. Douglas*, Georgetown to New York, is also at Southport awaiting favorable weather.

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GAMPBELL ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.

Officers Elected at Meeting Last Night for Ensuing Term.

Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F. at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: C. P. — J. E. Wood, S. W. — E. H. Murphy, J. W. — E. B. Martin, H. P. — E. D. Orsag, Treasurer — N. Jacob, Scribe — W. H. Howell. These with the appointed officers will be installed the first Monday night in January.

Boy Ran Into Live Wire.

A little son of Mr. J. F. Sellers, the grocer at 1116 North Fourth street, ran into a telephone wire which had been heavily charged with electricity from a trolley wire over which it had fallen Sunday afternoon; near Fourth and Swan streets. The boy was knocked unconscious from a bicycle which he was riding at the time and received a severe burn on the neck. He was removed to the home of his father, about half a block distant, where he was reported yesterday to be doing very well.

New Lodge of Elks.

Washington (N. C.) Lodge No. 823, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks, will be instituted with a fine charter list the latter part of this week. Past District Deputy H. J. Gerken, of Wilmington, has received an invitation from District Deputy Lewis M. Bourne, of Asheville, to be present at the installation, but owing to pressing business engagements here, he has had to decline with regret.

At Y. M. C. A. To-night. Seats are being reserved rapidly for the appearance of Mr. E. M. Spedon, editor of *Talent*, New York City, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this evening. He will furnish the fourth number in the Star Course of Entertainments of the Association. Mr. Spedon is a cartoonist and caricaturist of national reputation and it is said that several local characters will appear on his canvas. Seats are now sale at DeRosets.

Kress' 5 and 10c Store is now open at night for Xmas shoppers.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE RELIGION.

Ex-Judge Ewing, of Chicago, Spoke to a Very Representative Audience in Academy Last Evening.

Perhaps the clearest exposition of the Christian Science doctrine ever given in Wilmington was that by Ex-Judge William G. Ewing, of Chicago, in the Academy of Music last evening under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, of this city. The audience which heard Judge Ewing was not large; neither was it small, and all who listened to him were impressed with his earnest manner of presenting that phase of religion of which he is one of the chief exponents.

Judge Ewing was introduced briefly by Robert Kuark, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, and he spoke for an hour and a half. In his opening remarks, he referred to a previous and very pleasant visit to Wilmington and paid a high tribute to North Carolina and North Carolinians. The popular conception of Christian Science, he said, was an erroneous one and one which had been gained very often without investigation. It was not antagonistic to the religion of Christ, but on the other hand was founded upon a spiritual interpretation of the Gospel as handed down by Christ to his disciples. Because of this fancied antagonism the people of the old church were prejudiced against the Christian Science religion, and it was to correct this false impression, that he would first address the audience. The speaker devoted perhaps half of his address to this phase of the subject and then explained in lucid terms exactly what he conceived to be the doctrine of the church. There was nothing mysterious or occult about it, he said. Christian Scientists respect and work on the same foundation and promote identically the same essentials of the religion of Christ as the old church of no matter what creed or sect. For that reason there should be no prejudice against them. They are exercising their strength and power with the others to build up the kingdom of God. The healing of the sick, the lame, the blind and the halt was with the same power and strength that the disciples of old accomplished such blessings to humanity long ago. What was true, so far as God is concerned, nineteen hundred years ago, is true to-day. The speaker ascribed the fact that he was living at the present to the blessing he had received some years ago from this conception of what he regarded as the living truth. In closing he paid a beautiful tribute to woman, the founder of this religion, and said that in his opinion future generations, if not this, would live to look upon Mrs. Eddy as the greatest blessing to mankind since the coming of Christ to this world.

Judge Ewing spoke eloquently and with the force of the trained logician that he is.

ELKS' CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Ladies Requested to Meet This Afternoon. Executive Committee This Evening.

The ladies of the city, especially those who attended the first meeting last week, are requested to meet their chairman, Mrs. Joseph E. Waters, in the parlors of the Elks' Temple this afternoon at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of perfecting plans for the Christmas tree and dinner to the children of the city on Friday afternoon, Dec. 26th.

The Executive Committee of Elks in charge of the Christmas tree and dinner are requested to meet in the Temple at 8:15 o'clock this evening. At the same time the Chairman calls upon all loyal Elks to meet and confer with the committee in regard to the same event.

MONUMENT UNVEILING SUNDAY.

Beautiful Tribute to Memory of the Late E. B. Burkholder by W. O. W.

An unusually large number of persons were present Sunday afternoon at the ceremonies attending the unveiling of a handsome monument erected by Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, over the grave of their deceased sovereign, E. B. Burkholder, in Oakdale cemetery. The programme of exercises as printed in these columns Sunday morning was observed to the letter. The address of Robert Kuark, Esq., is spoken of as having been one of the best ever heard upon a similar occasion in Wilmington.

The grave of the deceased was covered with beautiful flowers, and the service was beautiful and impressive.

Estimated Colored Citizen Dead.

John Harris Howe, a well known and respected colored man of Wilmington, died rather suddenly Sunday night about 10 o'clock at his home, No. 116 Castle street. The cause of his death was organic heart disease. He was born in Wilmington and lived here all his life, enjoying the confidence not only of members of his own race but that of the white people as well. He was 61 years of age and leaves a wife and six children. His wife was visiting in the North at the time of his death and until she can be heard from, the funeral arrangements will not be made. Deceased was a contractor and builder, his last job having been the extensive repairs to the interior of the First Presbyterian church, which he had completed only a few days before his death.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Concord Chapter No. 1 Last Night Elected Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: High Priest—W. H. Chadbourne, King—R. W. Price, Scribe—C. O. Brown, Captain of Host—U. M. Robinson, Treasurer—J. C. Munda, Secretary—W. A. Martin. These, with the appointive officers, will be installed to enter upon their duties at the beginning of the new year.

BISHOP SURRENDERS.

Young Travelling Man, Wanted for Murder, in Jail at Petersburg, Virginia.

WILL RETURN TO CHARLOTTE. Says That His Sensational Killing of Mr. Tom Wilson in Mecklenburg Was Justifiable—Story of His Escape and Arrest at Home.

A special to the *Charlotte Observer* from Petersburg, Va., gives the following account of the surrender of Arthur L. Bishop, the young traveling man, whose crime in Charlotte created so much interest here, where he was widely known. PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 14.—Arthur L. Bishop, who shot and killed Thomas Wilson in Charlotte last Tuesday night, and for whose arrest Governor Aycock offered a reward of \$400, is a Charlotte native, the son of the late To-night Jackson Bishop, a letter-carrier of this city, and father of Arthur Bishop, who went to Mayor Wm. M. White's residence and informed the official that his son had been shot at home and wished to surrender himself. The mayor, at Mr. Bishop's request, accompanied him to young Bishop's home, where there the surrender was made. The mayor at once took Bishop to the city jail and turned him over to the officials there.

Bishop told the mayor that the shooting was entirely justifiable and that the first shot in self-defense was fired as Wilson was striking him over the head with a stick and that he was dazed by the blows.

Bishop says that after the shooting he went to the hotel in Charlotte where he had been stopping and remained there until the next day, when he walked through the streets and inquired of the chief of the Seaboard Air Line, where he took the Seaboard train for Norfolk. He remained in Norfolk until last night, when he went to the police station there and inquired of the chief of police when the next train would leave for Roanoke.

Bishop says that he arrived here last night at 10:35 o'clock on the Norfolk and that he got off at the stockyard on Bolling Brook street, which is a short distance east of the city. He was met by a man at his home a distance of over one mile. He spent last night and to-day at home with his wife and child.

Bishop was visited at the jail by a large number of his friends, to each of whom he gave a hearty handshake and with whom he conversed most pleasantly. He was perfectly cool and in good humor. He wore a dark cloth cap and when one of his friends asked him where he got it, he replied that he paid 40 cents for it. In a jocular manner Bishop asked the deputy sheriff what he would have for breakfast in the morning. The deputy replied that he would see that he had a good one. Bishop has a large number of friends in Petersburg.

The first information received in Charlotte relative to the surrender of Bishop came in a telephone message that Chief of Police Irwin received from the chief of police of Petersburg. The Petersburg officer stated that Bishop would return to Charlotte without a requisition paper. Chief Irwin will probably return here to-morrow accompanied by Bishop.

Bishop's statement that he went to the Seaboard after the shooting and spent the night there is rather sensational. Within ten minutes after they heard of the shooting policemen were at the Seaboard and were in that place constantly until 10 o'clock in the morning. A clerk at the hotel was questioned about the matter first stated that Bishop certainly did not stay in his room that night, because the room was locked and subsequently the clerk declared that he would make no statement for publication.

DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN.

Mrs. L. J. King Entered Into Rest Early Sunday Morning—Funeral.

Friends will regret exceedingly to learn of the death of Mrs. Frederica King, wife of Mr. L. J. King, 810 Queen street, which occurred at 6:05 o'clock Sunday morning after a brief illness with pneumonia. Mrs. King was a daughter of the late John Barnes, of Wilmington, and was born in this city April 15th, 1859. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character and a member of Southside Baptist church, from whence the funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. O. E. Paul, with incense in Bellvue cemetery. Besides her sorely bereaved husband, Mrs. King leaves to mourn their loss three sons, B. A. T. King, a graduate of Richmond College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; J. Edgar King and Oscar W. King, of Wake Forest College. Also four brothers and three sisters, Mrs. A. B. Cook, of this city, John W. Barnes, of Houston, Texas; James W. Barnes, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Daniel F. Barnes, also of this city; Mrs. Martha A. Howard and Mrs. Emma P. Wycoff, of this city, and Mrs. Mary Foster, of Portsmouth, Va.

The pall-bearers at the funeral yesterday afternoon were Messrs. J. S. Canaday, J. F. Littlejohn, E. Z. Milton, J. C. Stevenson, W. B. Alderman and Dr. A. M. Baldwin.

Truckers Award Contracts.

Meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association were held here yesterday, the first named at 10 A. M., and that of the Directors at noon. The only business of public importance was the renewal of the Association's contract with the Armour Company for refrigerator car service. At practically the same rate, the company guarantees a much better service in the future.

Prominent Robesonian Dead.

In response to a telegram, Rev. J. A. Smith will leave to-day to conduct the funeral services over the remains of Mr. A. O. Oliver, a prominent citizen of Aftinity, Robeson county, who died Sunday. No particulars of the death were received in Wilmington yesterday. Mr. Oliver was one of the leading men of his section and, if no error is made, he had once or twice represented his county in the Legislature.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. C. A. Hall, of Asheville, is visiting the family of Mr. B. G. Worth.

Mr. R. J. Rivenbark, [agent of the A. C. L. at Darlington, S. C., spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Bessie Williams returned to Mt. Olive yesterday after a pleasant visit to friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Brunson, Jr., have returned from their extensive wedding tour in Florida.

Miss Daisy Jones, of Kenansville, who has been the guest of friends in the city, returned home yesterday.

Mr. L. L. Brinson, of Newbern, the popular American Tobacco Company's traveller, is in the city for a short business trip.

Mrs. E. A. Silva, who has been visiting her son at Camden Crossing, S. C., and friends in Florence, S. C., returned home yesterday.

Mr. P. H. Sears, formerly of Wilmington, now superintendent of the Whiteville Lumber Co., spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Rankin, Jr., returned Sunday morning from their extensive bridal tour north and will be at home Thursdays at No. 314 Chesnut street.

Miss Rosa Short, of Washington, N. C., who has been the charming guest of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Jennings Springer, returned home yesterday. Mrs. Springer accompanied her.

Gen. S. H. Manning, one of the few surviving members of the original panel of Republican leaders, and for several terms sheriff of this county, is here on a visit and will probably remain several weeks.

Mr. William M. Atkinson, of the U. S. Geodetic Survey, is in the city on a leave of absence which is expiring with his father, Col. Jno. W. Atkinson. He is being cordially greeted by numerous friends in Wilmington, where he is deservedly popular.

Mr. Jno. VanB. Metts returned home Sunday from the James Walker Memorial Hospital and his numerous friends will be glad to know that he is convalescing rapidly. He speaks in highest terms of the treatment accorded him at the hospital and says he was almost tempted to stay longer.

THE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE CO.

Directors Call for Part of Capital Stock. A Manager Employed.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company was held yesterday morning in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. W. E. Worth, the president, was in the chair and other members present were Messrs. Geo. O. Gaylord, R. B. Stone, S. P. McVair, W. B. Cooper, M. W. Jacobs and James Kyle, secretary and treasurer.

It was reported that the maximum capital stock of \$15,000 had been subscribed and the secretary was instructed to issue a call for 25 per cent. of the amount upon which to begin business, by authority of a resolution at the organization meeting of the stockholders.

Mr. J. N. Gibbons, formerly manager of the tobacco warehouse companies at Fair Bluff, Clarkton and Wilson, was elected manager for the Wilmington Company. Mr. Gibbons is a tobacco expert of much experience and has been actively engaged in this section since 1891. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Wallace, and comes highly recommended. Mr. James Dodd will be retained as assistant manager.

The matter of the purchase of a site for the plant has not yet been definitely decided upon.

Aged Light Tender Dead.

Mr. John McKinney, a citizen of Federal Point township, who lives on the east bank of the Cape Fear, just below the dam tree, died Sunday night of a congestive chill. For a long number of years he tended the beacon lights for the government down the river and was faithful to his duties until compelled by advanced age to abandon his perilous occupation. His death was rather sudden and occurred while his son had gone out to summon neighbors to assist him in administering to his father's suffering. The funeral took place yesterday from the quiet home on the banks of the Cape Fear, where he had lived for many years.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES
Loans and discounts.....\$1,168,460.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 85,100.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits..... 173,200.00
Stocks, securities, etc..... 18,809.68
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures..... 30,000.00
Other Real Estate owned..... 10,000.00
Due from National Banks (due for service Agents)..... 59,251.63
Due from State Banks and Bankers..... 115,295.90
Due from approved reserve agents..... 106,904.96
Notes of other National Banks..... 10,000.00
Funds..... 50,000.00
Fidelity bonds..... 1,854.16
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, 2 1/2%..... 82,545.90
Special deposits..... 101,300.00
Redemption fund..... 100,000.00
(per cent. of circulation)..... 4,700.00
Total.....\$3,945,000.00

Capital stock paid up.....\$125,000.00
Surplus fund.....\$228,000.00
Undivided profits.....\$2,592,000.00
Expenses and taxes paid 35,767.00—150,767.00
National Bank of Commerce, of New York..... 50,000.00
Due to other National Banks..... 57,241.50
Due to State Banks and Bankers..... 97,241.50
Dividends..... 300.00
Individual deposits subject to check..... 90,000.00
Cashier's checks..... 4,000.00
Savings bank deposits..... 44,887.50
United States deposits..... 1,554,973.44
Total.....\$3,945,000.00

Over.....\$1,554,973.44
Under.....\$1,554,973.44
Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1902.
W. C. ALDRIBROOK, Notary Public.
Concord.

C. W. FAIR, E. A. FARR, G. R. FARR, Directors.

HAT SALE!

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

WILL BE THE BIG HAT SALE.

I bought out the entire stock of a manufacturer of ready-to-wear Hats. Can sell them for less than half price.

A \$1 Hat for 48c and \$2.50 to 3.00 Hat for 98c. I have now over 900.

They Will Be Sold Tuesday and Wednesday.

Have also received a big lot of fine Skirts, Monte Carlo Coats, Automobile and Ragland Coats.

Ladies' Black Peau-de-Sois Silk Waists. Ladies' and Gent's Silk Handkerchiefs.