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The Morning Star. OUTLINES.

Three firemen were killed and two others badly injured in a fire at Brooklyn, N. Y. President Roosevelt will not be arbitrator in the Venezuela dispute; the whole matter will be referred to the Hague tribunal. Twenty-five or thirty persons were killed in the railroad train wreck near Trinidad, Colorado, Wednesday night.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26. Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

BURGLARS BOLD PAY AN XMAS VISIT.

Two Negro Men Make a Successful Raid on the Rock Spring Hotel--Entered the Rooms of Guests. One of the boldest and most successful robberies that has taken place in Wilmington for many months transpired Christmas morning. It was accomplished by two negro men and it was their boldness that crowned their nefarious efforts with success.

LOCAL DOTS.

Christmas day passed off quietly and without serious incident. The steamer City of Fayetteville is expected to reach this port some time during the day. One of the handsomest and largest calendars of the year is being sent out by Messrs. Willard & Giles.

HANES-CONNOR NUPTIALS.

High School Principal Takes unto Himself a Charming Wife. Wilmington folks will read with interest the Raleigh News and Observer's account of the marriage of Prof. R. D. W. Connor, principal of the High School, this city, and Miss Sadie Hanes, of Mocksville, N. C., which took place at the latter place Tuesday.

WRECK AT THE DIXIE CAFE ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOONS.

One of the loudest explosions of Christmas day took place about 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon at the Dixie Cafe, on Princess street, but the sad part of it all was that the explosion of a fire cracker. It was the explosion of the gasoline tank of a large coffee urn and set fire to the cafe.

ODD FELLOWS' ELECTION.

Hanover Lodge Selected Officers Last Night for the Ensuing Year. Hanover Lodge No. 145, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, elected the following officers last night:

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.--Oranges. Woodmen of the World--Notice. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company--Winter schedule.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Engineer Fisher of the Jones Fell Overboard and Died From the Shock.

HAPPENED AT SOUTHPORT.

Yesterday Afternoon the Tug Was About to Take a Tow When the Accident Occurred--The Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon. While at his post of duty yesterday afternoon at Southport Engineer J. M. C. Fisher, of the tug Alexander Jones, fell overboard and died from the effects of the shock.

THE AFTEL-CHRISTMAS THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Splendid Line of Big New York Productions Booked for January and February--Next Week at Academy.

Now that the Yuletide season is "on" one's thoughts naturally turn to things theatrical, along with other forms of amusements. Though there has been a dearth of attractions for the last fortnight, yet the season has been a flattering one and, with but two exceptions, was composed of first class attractions.

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SAINT NICK ON HAND.

The children had been feasting for fully an hour, with one eye on the tables and the other on the big, brightly lit tree at the south end of the hall, when Mr. H. J. Gerken, chairman of the executive committee, announced that Old Santa had arrived and was ready to give presents to his children.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Alex. Greenbaum in home shaking hands all round. Mr. E. Lilly is home from Wilson to spend the Yuletide. Mr. C. B. Rehder left yesterday on a business trip to Charlotte.

ELKS' XMAS TREE.

It Brought Joy of the First Real Christmas to a Great Many Homes. A GREAT SCENE IT WAS.

HUNDREDS OF LITTLE PEOPLE ATTENDED AND WENT AWAY WITH HEARTS FULL OF HAPPINESS AND GRATITUDE--THE DINNER WAS A ROYAL ONE.

The Great Lord God of Hosts has emblazoned it on every heart in letters of love, truth and charity that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." How much blessedness must then be the portion of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks, who yesterday afternoon, aided by the noble women of this city, gave to hundreds of indigent children their very first real Christmas cheer.

BEFORE THE DINNER.

The hour appointed for the commencement of the festivities was 2 o'clock, but it was hardly noon before the youngsters, some accompanied by mothers, began to arrive.

THE USEFUL PRESENTS CONSISTED OF SUITS OF CLOTHES, PANTS, HATS, GLOVES, STOCKINGS, SHIRTS, HANDKERCHIEFS, ETC.

The hall was prettily draped with purple bunting, which, with the white table covering, made up the Elks' colors. Hollowbush's orchestra donated its services and the music was one of the features of the occasion.

THE CHILDREN REPRESENTED MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING DELAWARE.

The admirable musical programme which was rendered at St. Paul's Episcopal Christmas day will be repeated to-morrow morning, as follows: PROGRAMME. Professional No. 539.

THE POLICE COURT DOCKET WAS AN EXTENSIVE ONE YESTERDAY AND WAS VIEWED BY THE MAYOR WITH TRUE CHRISTMAS LENIENCY.

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For sale by J. C. Sheppard.

WHERE THE BOW IS DUE.

A full list of the Elks executive committee and the committees of ladies, to whom the bow is due, have already appeared in these columns, but is not amiss but fitting that they should appear in connection with an account of the glorious finale.

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Georgia Road of Seventy Miles in the Southern Part of the State--Cost Half a Million Dollars.

ORANGES, ORANGES.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wire, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only: Rhine Wire, Vintage 1898, per gal., \$1.00. Port " " 1900, " " 1.00. Claret " " 1900, " " 1.00. Port " " 1890, " " 2.00.

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Live Oak Camp No. 6, December 27, 1902. SOBERNESS--You are notified to meet at 8 o'clock at the public house for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late W. C. H. Jones, who died on the 25th inst.