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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Negro lynched near Drew, Miss., for assaulting a white girl. — Fire at Nashville, Tenn.; damage over \$300,000. — An attempt to shoot King Alfonso in Madrid failed; the bullet missed its mark; no one was injured. — Nor. steamer Juno is stranded at False Cape, Va. — President Roosevelt has been invited to attend General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South in Lexington, Va., next May. — The first shipment of cotton from East Africa, containing four bales, has arrived in London. — Minister Bowen, at St. Louis, will call for the United States flag; no arrangements have yet been made in Washington for the flag of the Venezuela commission. — A burglar, killed by a policeman at Atlanta, has been identified as Henry Belmont, an escaped convict from the penitentiary at Raleigh, N. C. — Edward J. Danning, a bank-teller in Boston, Mass., is held in \$30,000 answer a charge of larceny. — Customs officials in New York arrested a man on the steamer Financier charged with smuggling tobacco. — N. Y. markets: Money on quiet steady at 4 per cent; quoted steady at 9 per cent; flour with a fair demand; wheat—spot, No. 2 red 80¢; corn—spot, No. 2 58¢; oats—spot firm, No. 2 35¢; rosin—quiet; spirits turpentine dull.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.
 Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
 Temperature: 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 4 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 41 degrees.
 Precipitation for the day, 0.00; rainfall for the month to date, 1.87.
 FORECAST FOR TO-DAY:
 Clear, with light clouds.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—For North Carolina: Rain Sunday and in eastern portion Monday; colder Monday; southwest winds, becoming west.

Port Almanac—January 11.

Rises	7:09 A. M.
Sets	5:07 P. M.
Length	9 H. 57 M.
Water at Southport	5.35 A. M.
Water at Wilmington	8.05 A. M.

Chicago man wants a divorce from his first wife, and says she persuaded him into marriage.

Gov. Hogg, of Texas, has returned from the oil business in that State, having, according to report, this syndicate interest for \$2,000,000, and will try his luck in the Louisiana field.

The Postoffice Department handled last year, through the 34,127 post offices, 79,000,000 letters, containing orders to the tune of \$692,595,930, and lost only 14 through carelessness or dishonesty.

The Laurinburg Exchange rounded its 20th year last week, with a down, mostly down, but could not stay down, and is now rising for more of the ups, which reserves. It is a good and loyal year.

Mrs. Dora Meeks, of an Illinois town, who had a scrap with her fellow three months ago, didn't do like the girls do, but went to the police station to get it straightened out, but he didn't consider the combination jam up.

The bachelor Governor of Kansas, by the way is a right good looking fellow for a Kansas man, has written off for the 1,000, more or less, men who were willing to become Governors. He was afraid if one of them might have trouble in getting a satisfactory explanation of the other 999, or thereabouts.

They have added to the catalogue of bacteria one kind that feeds on another and another on the hardest. Some time ago they discovered one that feeds on steel. From which it may be inferred they are not particular as to the material that they digested, but they didn't consider the combination jam up.

Three unsophisticated Alaska Indians have just been looked up in Seattle penitentiary just because they tied a "witch" man to a pole to cure him of witchery and to starve to death. If they had a couple hundred years ago in England they might have fared better.

CANCELLED THE ENGAGEMENT

Mlle. DeLussan, Celebrated Grand Opera Singer, Wouldn't Appear to Small Audience Last Night.

The engagement in this city last night of Mlle. DeLussan, the celebrated grand opera soprano, was cancelled yesterday afternoon, and an advance sale of seats having indicated such a small audience that Mlle. DeLussan positively refused to appear. Although the press notices furnished by the management indicated a much larger sale of seats, inquiry developed last night that only twelve reservations had been made and 28 of these were complimentary. Of the 99 paid seats, 25 were at \$1.50 and the remaining number were at \$1.11, making the total box office receipts, \$11,800. Great artists are not obtainable at such figures, hence Mlle. DeLussan was not heard, much to the disappointment of those few who had contemplated attending the concert.

Mlle. DeLussan arrived from Charleston yesterday afternoon with seven persons in her party. They are guests at The Orton, and will leave this afternoon for Augusta, Ga. The local management loses only local expenses as the guarantee was that Mlle. DeLussan was to receive the first \$400 receipts. The cancellation of the date is greatly regretted by all interested.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Steamer *Europa*, hence for Manchester, arrived out yesterday.

— Schooner *John R. Foll* called yesterday for New York with cargo of lumber, consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Company.

— Friends yesterday learned with sorrow of the death of Mr. D. P. Bland, a well known citizen of Keith, N. C. He died Friday afternoon.

— Eryta Tribe of Red Men will adopt eight pale faces Monday night and serve refreshments in honor of the embryo warriors. All Red Men in the city are invited.

— Lucy Ledbetter, colored, was arrested by Policeman H. W. Howell yesterday on a charge of having assaulted Annie Allen, colored, with a stick of wood. She will be tried in the Mayor's court Monday.

— Miss Molly Poca, aged 62 years, died yesterday at the Baptist Home, 715 Wooster street. The funeral was conducted by Dr. Blackwell yesterday afternoon, and interment was in the Baptist lot in Bellevue cemetery.

— Miss Virginia Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Craig, of Masonboro, will be married to-night at 8 o'clock to Mr. John F. Holt, also of Masonboro. The ceremony will be performed in Bethany Methodist church.

— The Fire Department responded to an alarm, box 54, at 10:30 A. M. yesterday. About \$5 damages resulted from a fire caused by sparks from the chimney of a small house belonging to Mr. Sol. Bear, at No. 9 North Eleventh street.

— Renben Beckom, the little one-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Beckom, 1112 South Front street, died Friday night. The funeral will be conducted this morning and the remains interred in the Glens burying ground on Wrightsville Sound.

— The steamer *Hurt* arrived yesterday from Fayetteville—a day late. She left for the return trip last night. The *Johnson*, which has just been inspected by the government officers, cleared yesterday morning for points on Black river.

— Two seamen from the Revenue Cutter *Tuscarora*, Peter Veal and Rudolf Soeider, engaged in a bloody fistfight on Front, between Market and Dock streets, early last night. They were arrested by Police Sergeant O. S. Barnett and Special Officer J. G. Swann, who took them to the police station for trial Monday.

Change in S. A. L. Schedule.
 Effective to-day a new schedule goes into effect on the Seaboard Air Line. Train 29, which formerly left Wilmington at 3:30 P. M. for Charlotte, will leave hereafter at 4:30 P. M. for Hamlet, reaching that point at 7:45 P. M. instead of 7:35 P. M. as before. The arriving time of the train due here at 12:30 P. M., remains the same. Close connections are made at Hamlet as before for all points on the company's line.

Assaulted Market Clerk.
 Tom Arrington, a drunken negro whom Capt. T. H. Johnson, clerk of Front street market, told to move yesterday, turned upon the officer and assaulted him with a picket from an iron fence. Capt. Johnson arrested the negro and landed him in the station house for trial Monday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
 Colored Man—Wife wanted.
 T. W. Wood & Sons—Seeds.
 J. H. Bahder & Co.—Sweaters.
 People's Savings Bank—Notice.
 Geo. R. R. Branch & Sons—\$300.
 A. D. Brown—Ladies' underwear.
 Solomon's Shoe Store—Fine shoes.
 Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Library lamps.
 Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Luxurious necessities.

BUSINESS LOCALS
 Wanted—Reliable workers.
 Social Club—Masquerade ball.
 All-round Man—Position wanted.
 Lost—Pocketbook containing money.
 One more week for special prices on Carpets at Polvogt's.

I have purchased the photographic business, conducted heretofore by Mr. Paul M. Taylor, and with it the entire stock, instruments, negatives, etc. The studio is now open for sittings and only the highest grade of work will be made. Duplicate photos can be had at any time from negatives taken by Mr. Taylor. C. E. Vate, 104 Princess St., successor to P. M. Taylor.

BOARD OF JUSTICES.

Meeting Yesterday of New Hanover County Magistrates in the Court House.

MAJ. ROBERTSON ELECTED.

He Will Succeed Mr. F. A. Montgomery as Commissioner—Increase of Appropriation for James Walker Hospital Endorsed.

Maj. W. F. Robertson, of this city, was elected unanimously and by acclamation as a member of the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover county to succeed Mr. F. A. Montgomery, resigned, at a special called meeting of the magistrates of the county, held at noon yesterday in the Court House. No other names were brought before the meeting and Maj. Robertson has already expressed his willingness to serve.

Forty-five out of seventy-nine magistrates, composing the Board of Justices of New Hanover, were present at the meeting. Chairman D. McEachern, of the Board of Commissioners, called the assembly to order and Mr. O. W. Worth was made permanent chairman. Deputy Register of Deeds John McLaughlin was, ex officio, secretary of the meeting. Chairman McEachern, stated the object for which the magistrates were called together and Mr. W. H. Yopp placed Maj. Robertson in nomination to succeed Mr. Montgomery, who lately resigned to move his residence and to engage in business at Point Caswell, N. C. Messrs. R. C. Cantwell, T. D. Meares, D. J. Fergus and others made enthusiastic seconding speeches and upon motion of Justice J. M. McGowan, nominations were closed and Maj. Robertson was chosen by acclamation.

The Commissioner-elect is too well known in the city and county to need commendation here. He has executive ability, progressiveness and a knowledge of general affairs that admirably equip him for the duties of the position to which he has been called, without solicitation on his part. He is in perfect accord with the present administration and will be a valuable acquisition to the Board.

The matter of an increased appropriation for the James Walker Memorial Hospital was brought to the attention of the Magistrates just before adjournment, by Mr. R. G. Cantwell, who favored highly, placing a larger amount at the disposal of the Board of Managers for the proper maintenance of the institution. This was a general discussion of the question, which developed a strong sentiment in favor of an increased sum, Mr. F. H. Fechtig and others taking part. It was finally agreed, upon motion of Mr. T. D. Meares, to adopt the following:

"Resolved, That the Board of Magistrates express approval of a larger appropriation for the James Walker Memorial Hospital and instruct the County Commissioners to take the necessary legal steps to have the Legislature authorize an increased appropriation for the maintenance of that institution."

Memorial Services To-day.
 Services commemorative of Rev. Karl Boldt, the former beloved pastor of Paul's Lutheran church, will be held at the church this morning at 11 o'clock. Addresses in both the German and English languages will be delivered by Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt. By his faithful labors in this city Rev. Boldt endeared himself to many people, and now his memory will be an abiding inspiration to them. His death occurred at Charleston, S. C., on Friday. Many mourners in this city will join with the many more in Charleston in sorrowing over the early death of the beloved pastor. It is a fitting thing that commemorative service will be held here, where he has established a monument for himself by his faithful labors.

Passing of Slot Machines.
 As predicted in the STAR yesterday, the effect of Judge Peebles' order that of the defendants in the slot machine cases, who continued the devices in operation in the city and were afterwards convicted, he would consider their action a defiance of the law and would punish them accordingly, had the effect to stop practically all of them and no more will the music from their gilded sides be heard in the land. The machines were boxed and shipped elsewhere—to points unknown. As a result of the "ceasing of hostilities" by the machines, the city will lose a revenue of \$10 per month on each and the State and county will lose \$10 per year on each.

Recruits for the Roads.
 Six convicts will go to the roads Monday as a result of last week's term of the Superior Court. The sentence of Galloway Williams, the negro who stole Mr. B. Moore's buggy and horse, will be out for five years instead of the ten, as at first sentenced. The other five are: George Newberry, assault with deadly weapons, thirty days; Esau Caplar, larceny of bicycle, one year; James Floyd, larceny, one year; Balam Johnson, assault with deadly weapon, three months; George Stone, larceny, four months.

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THE UNITED CHARITIES.

Annual Report of Worthy Colored Organization, Showing Receipts and Disbursements During the Year.

The annual report of the United Charities Association (colored), for the year ended Jan. 1st, 1903, has just been made public by General Manager Jno. Whiteham, Secretary C. E. Davis and Rev. J. Adams, the president. The collections during the year amounted to \$2,014.15, of which the county contributed \$1,800; cash contributions, \$188.50; dues, \$7; churches, \$18.55. The disbursements were \$3,138.35 as follows: For groceries and food, \$1,868.88; secretary's salary, \$180; and rents, transportation and burial \$94.50. From date of organization of the United Charities, Dec. 31st, 1894, to Dec. 31st, 1902, the amount expended for the colored poor of the city has been \$16,757.35; so that it is seen that a magnificent work the organization is doing.

The numbers of orders filled during 1901 were as follows: Groceries 1, 141; wood 959; shoes and clothing 29; hours 47; sent to Hospital 3; to County Home 3; Deaths during year 20. The Association is grateful for the substantial support of the business men of the city and friends in general and the press, which has always published its reports, notices, etc., free of charge. Donations other than that of \$1,800 by the county were made during the year as follows:

- "Cash" \$30, The Worth Co., Hugh MacRae, the Elks, Alexander Sprunt & Son, and Bishop A. A. Watson, \$10 each; J. O. Stevenson, W. M. Cummings, J. H. Bender, W. M. Wadell, D. McEachern, J. H. Watters, Chadbourn Lumber Co., W. L. Parsley, J. A. Taylor, M. S. Willard, Crossway Bros., Jacob E. W. Co., and "Cash" \$5.00 each; W. B. Cooper, \$3.00; Preston Cumming, \$2.50; J. C. Corbett, A. B. Steadman, J. G. Giesche, R. F. Hamme, J. F. Post, S. P. Cowan Livary Co., Walker Taylor, E. S. Martin, P. L. Bridges and two "Cash" contributors, \$2.00 each; D. L. Gore and Mesars, Dr. D. W. Bulluck, and "Cash" \$1.00; "Cash," 75c; E. M. Ford, 50c; "Cash," 50c; F. W. Ortmann, 50c; Franklin Howard, 25c; Churches; St. Stephen, \$2.00; First Baptist, \$1.75; St. Luke's, \$5.00; Central Baptist, \$2.00; Shiloh Baptist, \$1.00; Annual dues, \$7.00.

Contributions in kind: C. C. Covington, James I. Metts, Vollers & Hashagen, 1 bbl. flour each; Hall & Fearnall, 1 bbl. mullins; I. J. Stenberg, F. H. Kramke, clothing; Armstrong, dry goods; D. L. Gore and Mesars, coats & Harper, grists; L. L. Greenwald, shoes; C. W. Polvogt, Taylor's Bazaar and S. & B. Solomon, dry goods; D. L. Gore and Mesars, brooms; G. C. Giesche, J. Hicks Bunting, medicines; Geo. Honnet, Geo. Higgins, Victor E. Zoeller and J. T. Burke, jewelry.

MANY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday at Court House—Land in the Country.
 By deeds filed for record yesterday at the Court House Jesse S. Williams and wife, of Masonboro township, transferred to James P. Herring, of Masonboro township, tract of land in Masonboro, containing by estimation 95 acres, consideration \$1,500, and Charles Schulken and wife transferred to Henry F. Otten, lot at northeast corner of Fourth and Nixon streets, 92x150 feet in size, consideration \$1. Also Jno. Blanton and wife and Jno. Petit and wife, of Harnett township, transferred to Chas. W. Waters, tract of land on Middle Sound, adjoining the lands of L. B. Mason and others, consideration \$100. Also, Mrs. Fannie A. Cook transferred to Miss Mary E. Cook and Miss Katie E. Johnson, residence and lot at southeast corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, 28x130 feet in size, consideration \$3,000. Also contract from Geo. Harris, et al., to A. J. Marshall to convey 125 acres of land on west prong of Bradley's creek, adjoining lands of Wm. Rogers and others, consideration \$350. Also George Harris and wife transferred to E. N. Edens and wife, the above tract transferred by D. C. McKethan, consideration \$400. Also George Harris and wife transferred to D. C. McKethan, three acres of land on Bradley's creek, consideration \$350.

"Anti-German League."
 The "Anti-German League," a social organization, was formed in the city Friday night by a number of prominent young society men who do not belong to other social clubs in the city. Mr. Geo. P. James was elected president; Mr. Charles Elliott, vice president; Mr. George Davis, secretary and treasurer; and Messrs. Geo. Hoefner, D. B. Branch, Wm. Tienken, The club officers are: Wm. Tienken, president; D. B. Branch, secretary; O. R. Spooner, vice president and Geo. Tienken, treasurer.

A Fire Near Roseboro, N. C.
 ROSEBORO, N. C., Jan. 10.—The school building at Andrew's High School, about three miles east of here, was destroyed by fire this morning about 3 o'clock. Loss about \$800. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Visit Polvogt's this week—Millinery half price, Carpets special price, Blankets reduced prices.

For Asthma use CHESTNUT'S EXPECTORANT.
 For sale by J. C. Sheppard.

REVENUE CUTTER TUSCARORA

Arrived Yesterday from Baltimore to Take Up Her Station at This Port—A Rough Voyage Down.

The United States Revenue Cutter *Tuscarora*, in command of Capt. David A. Hall, arrived in port yesterday and is tied up at the Custom House wharf. She is an exceedingly handsome ship, and was cordially saluted as she steamed into the harbor at noon.

The *Tuscarora* has been assigned to duty at this station to take the place of the *Algonquin*, which lately was ordered to Porto Rico. She is fashioned after the *Algonquin* in many respects, and is brand new, having been launched last Spring at the Trigg shipyards in Richmond, and commissioned by the government Dec. 20th. In the interim she was being fitted with machinery at Baltimore. The captain's cabin and the wardrobe are below deck. Men's quarters are below deck, forward. The vessel is 690 tons register; length over all, 178 feet; beam, 30 feet; draught, 9 feet. She carries one 6-pound Hotchkiss gun; has triple expansion engines and makes 12 knots. The ship cost \$176,000 and designed for service on the Lakes. It is believed that she is stationed here only temporarily.

The ship left Baltimore a week ago and her passage down was extremely rough. She encountered a succession of gales and onetime was blown from Lookout back past Hatteras. The initial trip was a splendid test of the boat and the officers are charmed with the way she behaved.

The *Tuscarora* has a complement of 55 men. The commissioned officers are: Capt. Hall, commanding; First Lieutenant W. V. E. Jacobs, executive officer; Second Lieutenant W. E. Smith, navigator; Second Lieutenant Wm. A. O'Malley, junior watch officer; Chief Engineer Fred E. Owen; Assistant Engineer, Bryan A. Minor. Chief Petty Officers: Boatswain A. D. Totzke, Gunner Edwards, Chief Officer Olesen and Carpenter C. A. Backstrom.

"THE VILLAGE POSTMASTER."

Some of the Scenes that Make Up Magificent Production Wednesday Night.
 The sale of seats for the magnificent production of "The Village Postmaster" to be given at the Academy Wednesday night, will open at Plummer's Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, and indications are that there will be a rush. There are many who are on to the advance in prices, say that all seats downstairs will be \$1.

The critics of New York were most lavish in their praise of the play during its first run there. The critics said of it: "New York has never seen a better drama of rural life than 'The Village Postmaster.' The play carries with it the spirit of nevermore, the simple blossoms and pure country air."

A pretty story runs through "The Village Postmaster," which turns love with the ultimate happy ending, of course. It illustrates noted types and characters that abounded in New England at the period from which the scenes were taken and there is a wholesomeness about it that sends the audience home with a better opinion of mankind in general.

The scenes are the General Store, the Village Green with a country dance on Training Day, ending with a realistic shower of rain; the Minister's Donation Party; a realistic farm scene, with an old-fashioned threshing machine at work; and village church scene where great preparations are being made for the night wedding of the Postmaster's daughter.

The same big production will be given here at the University of North Carolina, as the company carries all the special scenery and properties required.

Case After Shoe Thief.
 An exciting chase after a daring negro thief, named Will Richardson, took place about 10 o'clock last night on Princess, between Water and Second streets. Richardson went into the store of Frank Haefer, Water street, between Princess and Market, and tried on a pair of shoes. Before leaving he made a dash for the door and Sam Siegler, Jr., a clerk in the store, immediately gave chase, raising the outcry, "Stop thief!" The negro ran up Princess and was caught near Second street, but he managed to wrest away from his captor and made another dash down Princess street. At the street car junction Conductor "Billie" Jones, of the C. R. L. & P. Co., laid hands on the fugitive and turned him over to Policeman Frank George.

Not So Largely Attended During Week, But a Success Nevertheless.
 The Poultry show came to a close a 11 o'clock last night, having been continued a day longer than originally intended, because of the unfavorable weather earlier in the week. The attendance was by no means as large as the exhibition merited and will probably not reach the figures of last year. The show is said by experts to have been one of the very best ever given in the State and the management is to be congratulated upon the success of it, even though it was apparently not appreciated by the public to the extent it should have been. The number of exhibits was about five hundred and the excellency of them is doubted by no one who went to the City Hall and saw all that there was for the delight of the fancier.

It is to be hoped that next year the Poultry Show week will be accompanied by fair weather, and thousands of people. The Association which gave the show certainly deserves such treatment.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The House and Senate Were in Session Less Than an Hour Yesterday.

NO IMPORTANT MEASURES.

Secretary of State Authorized to Employ Clerical Assistants—Division of the School Funds—Large Number of Local Bills Introduced.
 (Special Star Telegram.)
 RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 10.—Neither branch of the General Assembly was in session to-day longer than an hour. Notable bills passed by the Senate were a House bill authorizing the Secretary of State, to appoint an assistant to index the laws, the cost to be not over \$500. The House resolution to investigate the number of Assembly employees. Senate resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to prepare a bill for the establishment of a code commission.

Much time was consumed in the discussion of a bill, authorizing the Secretary of State to employ an enrolling clerk at \$300 and mileage, and to pay copyists ten cents per sheet. It finally passed without amendment.

Notable bills introduced: By Hoey, to wind up partnerships in estates; Gilliam, to amend Section 1329 of the code; Pollock, to increase the number of commissioners of Lenoir county and to change Lenoir Superior Court; Burdon, to give superior courts equitable jurisdiction of contingent remainders in the distribution of lands.

Bills of interest passed in the House were as follows: To increase the number of commissioners of Rockingham county; to amend chapter 410, of the laws of 1891, by striking out Scotland county.
 Bills were introduced as follows: By Smith, to define meaning of the law in division of school fund per capita, so that school terms for the races be the same length (the bill is no change from present practice); by Guion, to remove disabilities of married women in making contracts and to allow damages for mental anguish; by Greyer, to incorporate the Winston-Stewart Turnpike Co.

A large number of local bills were introduced.
 McNellie introduced a petition against extending the stock law in Scotland county.
 RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 10.—A charter was granted to-day to the North State Piano Co. of Washington, N. C., capital \$100,000. The incorporators are: J. T. Backman, E. T. Stewart, L. E. Mayo, A. E. Hodges and Stephen C. Brazay. A bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Henderson, would probably meet with very general endorsement. It provides that deputy clerks of County Superior courts shall have authority to represent the clerk in all matters. If enacted into law, as it will probably be, it will prove a great convenience both to clerks and the public. The original fight seems still to be a considerable enigma. The gain of from 43 to 50 votes by Overman in last night's caucus, gives a decidedly more confident air to the friends of Overman, many of whom claim that on the "home run" he will get the eight votes now being cast for Alexander. Many of the most experienced voters who are on to the game, claim that the fight will probably be decided in the final talk of Gen. Carr as the probable nominee. He really lost two votes during the caucus balloting last night, but this is not regarded as any bad indication. He will get a large following from Overman men in case of a deadlock as to Overman. Friends of Craig and Watson are working with confidence and really it is impossible for the best political prognosticators to form any idea of the ultimate outcome.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Ed. Brown returned to the University yesterday.
 — Miss Maud Harris, of Danville, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farmer.
 — Miss Nelle Bernard, of Durham, is visiting her friend, Mrs. S. W. Sanders, of Wilmington.
 — Mr. Harry Webb has returned from Beaufort, N. C., and resumed his work with the Western Union.
 — Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, of Charlotte, it is in the city on a brief visit, the guest of his nephew, Mr. N. N. Davis.
 — Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell leaves to-morrow morning to visit his father at the old homestead, near Roanoke, Va., and to meet an elder brother there whom he hasn't seen in twenty years.

— Mr. B. F. Keith, the celebrated theatrical manager of the North, accompanied by his wife, stopped over in the city from Boston from his trip South and is visiting Collector B. F. Keith, of this city. The similarity of the names gave the gentlemen an acquaintance with each other, which has grown into a strong friendship.

CLOSE OF THE POULTRY SHOW.

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Paid Up Capital, \$1,500,000
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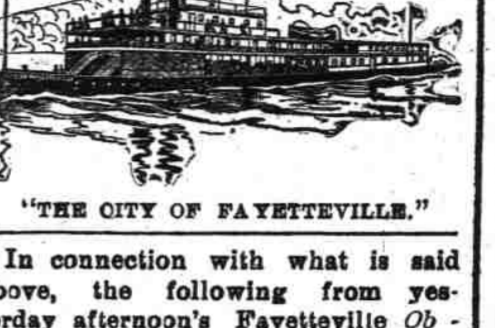
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 JNO. L. BOLTWEIGHT, Manager, Dec 10 1902
 Both Phones No. 14.

A TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT.

Three Steamboat Companies on the Cape Fear Will Be Operated Cojointly. Mr. Love Agent at Wilmington.

The splendid new steamer *City of Fayetteville*, of the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company, will go into commission on the Cape Fear river this week and will provide an all-water route between Fayetteville and New York, Boston, Providence and Philadelphia, in connection with the Clyde Steamship Company at Wilmington. When the new boat enters the freight and passenger service on the Cape Fear it will mark a new era in shipping upon the waters of that historic stream. The new steamer is now being furnished at Fayetteville and will make her initial trip, most probably the last of this week.



"THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE."

In connection with what is said above, the following from yesterday afternoon's *Fayetteville Observer* will be read with interest:
 "The three steamboats lines that ply the Cape Fear between Fayetteville and Wilmington, to-wit: The Cape Fear and Peoples' Company, of which Col. W. S. Cook is general manager, which owns the *Hurt* and *Zenice*; the Merchants and Farmers' Steamboat Company, of which Mr. Oliver Evans is president, which owns the *Highlander* and *Prier*, and the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company, which owns the *City of Fayetteville*, of which Mr. A. Lisman is president and Mr. E. W. Cooke general manager, have formed a traffic arrangement, and Col. W. S. Cook has been made the agent at Fayetteville, and Mr. T. D. Love the agent at Wilmington for the three lines.

"There was a meeting yesterday of the stockholders of the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company, at which the following resolutions were passed: Messrs. H. W. Lilly, W. L. Holt, W. M. Morgan, R. F. Gray, A. A. Lisman, S. H. MacRae, L. A. Williamson, E. H. Williamson and E. W. Cooke.
 "The meeting was for the purpose of reviewing the financial condition of the company, and to take preliminary steps for the operation of a line, pending the annual meeting of stockholders in February.
 "Under the new arrangements all the boats of the several lines will use the splendid new wharf of the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company."

Muslin Underwear for ladies, now on display at Polvogt's. See window display.
 All trimmed Millinery at half price this week at Polvogt's.
 Clearance sale now on at Polvogt's.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Annual Meeting.
 Of the lot owners of Oakdale Cemetery Company will hold their annual meeting, 8:30 p. m. on Monday evening, January 13th, at 8 o'clock.
 RICHARD J. JONES, Secretary and Treasurer, Jan 10 1903.

Secure a House!
 I HAVE FOR SALE
 Dwellings and Vacant Lots
 in any part of the city desired. Cash or time payment to suit buyer.
 D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent, Jan 8 1903.

WIFE WANTED.
 A colored man, a native of Wilmington, and a well-to-do farmer, wishes to correspond with