

ALMOST AT A NOMINATION.

Watson Led in Senatorial Caucus Last Night—'My Friends Still Have Control,' Says Craig. [Special Star Telegram.]

LOCAL DOTS.

Sunday advertisers are earnestly requested to hand in their copy to-day. — Schooner Estelle, Capt. Hutcherson, arrived yesterday with fertilizers from Carteret, N. J. — Norwegian barque Argo, hence for London, Eng., with cargo of rosin, passed out at Southport at 7:45 A. M. yesterday. — A thoroughly competent compositor accustomed to newspaper work may secure employment by applying at the STAR office. — Water street, between Dock and Orange, is in a horrible condition. A section dredge and a mud scow could do big stunts there now. — Geo. Moseley, a negro arrested by Officer W. J. Howard for an affray at the railroad shops Wednesday, was fined \$5 by the Mayor yesterday. — As noted in the STAR's telegraphic columns this morning, the funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson will take place in Columbia, S. C., to-day. — There was no change in the local naval stores market yesterday. Buyers and sellers are wondering if the top notch has been reached and that the reaction will set in to-day. — A boy who wishes to learn the printing trade may secure employment by applying at the STAR Job Office. One who has had some experience feeding presses preferred. Must be a resident of the city. — The old wharf of the steamer Wilmington, on the south side of foot of Market street, is being piled with crosses by Mr. H. J. Spooner, who lately entered the cross-tug business in this section. — Col. Walker Taylor, Maj. Chas. H. White and Maj. W. F. Robertson, members of Governor Aycock's staff, have received invitations to the reception to be given by Governor and Mrs. Aycock to members of the General Assembly and State officials Friday night, the 30th. — Delightful Banquet Given by Pupils of Hemenway to Miss Crowley. From 5 to 7 o'clock Wednesday evening the Eighth Grade of Hemenway School gave a delightful banquet in the hall of the building in honor of its teacher, Miss Mary D. Crowley, who is exceeding popular with the children in her department. The banquet hall was charmingly decorated and the tables were made most attractive and inviting. All the teachers of Hemenway were invited guests, as were also Superintendent J. J. Blair and School Committeemen Jas. F. Post, Richard J. Jones and Ed Borden. Excellent music was furnished by the Italian Harpers and the affair was voted by all one of the most delightful social affairs in the history of the school. The committee in charge was composed as follows: Misses Lillie B. Post, Kate Myers, Agnes Oshsten, Alice Fiebelle, Elise Emerson, Mammie May Butland, Elizabeth Woodward and Charlotte Fennell. — Wanted To Rob a Store. John Malloy, a colored youth who was caught in the act of robbing himself in Mr. Thos. J. Gore's store on the wharf night before last, was sent to the roads by the Mayor yesterday for 60 days—30 days each in two cases made out against him for vagrancy and trespass.

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THE ASSEMBLY BALL.

Annual Social Event by Elite Society Organization Brilliant Success Last Night.

A BALL AND A COTILLON.

Course Supper Served at Midnight by King's Daughters—Decorations Most Beautiful of the Season—Many Participated in Dances. Decidedly the leading social event of the season was the magnificent annual club function in the Masonic Temple last night by "The Assembly," an exclusive organization of prominent society people of this and other cities. The affair was one of the most brilliant, perhaps, in the history of the later social life of the city and in point of attendance, certainly none has surpassed it both as to number and prominence of those participating in its pleasures. The decorations for the event were of an exquisite and elaborate nature. They were by the Wilmington Floral Company and consisted of bamboo, pine top wreaths of holly, carnations and many flowers, while palms and other potted plants and flowers were in artistic arrangement in different parts of the room. A beautiful floral piece in the design of a liberty bell was suspended from the center of the ceiling, overshadowing the dancers. It was very handsomely formed of smilax, studded with carnations, roses and calla lilies. On the south wall of the room, in pleasing contrast with the other decorations, were floral letters of holly and flowers announcing "The Assembly, 1903." The banquet room, where an elegant supper was served at midnight, was neatly decorated with smilax, bamboo, etc., while the table decorations were American Beauty, Bridesmaid's, Liberty and Ivory roses, with carnations of several rich colors. The scheme was white and red and was carried out with charming effect. It is seldom that the art of the florist is called into a more beautiful execution than that which made "The Assembly" function last night among the prettiest social affairs ever given in the State. Those who received for "The Assembly" were announced as follows: Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. T. M. Emerson, Mrs. Geo. Rountree, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mrs. George G. Thomas, Mrs. E. C. Holt, Mrs. D. H. Lippitt, Mrs. J. R. Kenly, Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. E. R. Bellamy, Mrs. G. Herbert Smith. The costumes were exceedingly pretty and of a most elaborate nature. "The Assembly Ball" commenced at 9:30 o'clock and continued until 12 o'clock. The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the order of dances was as follows: Assembly March, "Symphonica" Holzman; 2. Two Step "Dainty Eyes" Lampe S. Quadrille, "Alpha" Stearns; 4. Waltz, "Lazarro" Blanke; 5. Two Step "Crazy Corner" Bratton; 6. Lancers, "Limerick Town" Piton; 7. Waltz, "Wedding Day" Tobani; 8. Two Step "Donkey Laugh" Whitney; 9. Quadrille, "Alpha" Stearns; 10. Virginia Reel.

INTERMISSION. Shortly after the midnight hour, the guests repaired to the handsome banquet room on the third floor of the Temple building, where an elaborate supper was served by the King's Daughters. The closing feature of the magnificent round of festivities was a cotillon, led in most charming manner by Mr. E. H. McMillenny and participated in by more than half a hundred graceful dancers. Among the guests in attendance were the following: Mr. and Mrs. George Rountree, Miss Sophie Myers, of Raleigh, Mr. Geo. L. Peschou, Mrs. E. C. Holt, Mr. A. S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Miss Beale Bolles, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moreland, Miss Moreland, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S. Armstrong, Miss Olive Armstrong, Miss Beulah Armstrong, Miss Bridgers, of Petersburg, Va.; Miss Marie Peschou, Mr. Frank H. Steadman, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick, Miss Hannah Bolles, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Miss Lillie Gilchrist, Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., Miss Stevenson, of Virginia; Miss Eliza Metts, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lippitt, Mr. and Mrs. Junius Davis, Mr. Thos. W. Davis, Miss Anna Peck, Miss Jeanie Peck, Miss Elizabeth Peck, Mr. Geo. W. Chesnut, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, Miss Alice Boatwright, Mr. S. W. Merrell, Col. and Mrs. Walker Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kenly, Miss Kenly, Miss Alice Borden, Mr. Jno. Hill Bunting, Mrs. W. W. Holliday, Miss Lucile Murchison, Mr. John J. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fitcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Williamson, Mr. Banks Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arringdale, Miss Marie Baldwin, Mr. Steele, of New York, Mr. H. M. Chase, Mr. E. H. McMillenny, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. W. L. Parsley, Miss Julia Parsley, Capt. and Mrs. Donald MacRae, Miss Elizabeth Payne, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. Governor, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kenly, Miss Edna Kenly, Dr. L. H. Love, Mr. W. H. Foster, of New York, Mrs. Annie Northrop, Mrs. Nelson, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Martin, of New York. The souvenirs for the occasion were very handsome white leather, valding card cases.

THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE. Magnificent New Steamer on Her Initial Trip Yesterday—Mr. Walter Holt and Party Guests Down. The splendid new steamer City of Fayetteville arrived at 6 o'clock yesterday morning from Fayetteville and returned at 7 P. M. for her initial round trip on the Cape Fear river in the active freight and passenger service, in which she bids fair to lead all others which have come and gone these many years. The steamer left Fayetteville at 8:30 P. M. the day before and the trip down was successful and with out an untoward incident in any particular. The popular Capt. Albert H. Worth, a veteran in the Cape Fear steamboat service, was in command and was warmly greeted upon every point. He is a past master of every detail in the business, having run regularly on the river when but 18 years of age. The boat on her first trip had a good cargo of cotton factory goods for shipment by Clyde Line to the North and also a fair freight list of country produce, consigned to Wilmington merchants. Among her passengers were a number of prominent Fayetteville gentlemen, who came as guests of Mr. Walter L. Holt, one of the principal stockholders in the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company. In the party were Messrs. Lawrence A. Williamson, Banks Williamson, Ed. Williamson, Eugene E. Gorham and Samuel Webb. The party was delighted with the trip. The steamer is handsomely furnished and has appointments and conveniences equal to the finest Mississippi river boats. It was announced yesterday that Mr. E. W. Cooke is no longer general manager of the company, he having sold out his interests. Several gentlemen are mentioned as Mr. Cooke's possible successor. It is the company's intention to make three round trips a week, leaving Wilmington 5 P. M. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and leaving Fayetteville at 5 P. M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The steamer is now on her regular schedule. The new steamer will have her wharf with that of the Merchants' and Farmers' Steamboat Co., and Mr. T. D. Love has already been appointed agent for the consolidated lines. Capt. T. S. Whitted is now master of the steamer Highlander while Capt. Jeff Bradshaw is on the Highlander.

THE ELKS' ROYAL MINSTRELS.

Some Features That Will Make Up Magnificent Burnt Cork Aggregation. Rehearsals are apace for the magnificent Elks' Minstrels, which will hold the boards at the Academy of Music Friday evening, Jan. 30th, and Saturday matinee. The prices will be 50 and 75 cents and there'll be a bushel of fun for those figures. Thirty-five people will compose the first part, augmented by the Academy orchestra, and the staging will be under the direction of Prof. O. W. Holmboe. A new electric roof garden comes in the first part, with an old unsurpassed by professionals, ancient or modern. Mr. Henry Angel will be seen in an impersonation of the old-time, Southern darkey, while other features will be "Cowboy," the great baton manipulator and juggler; Zanne, the famous leader of legerdemain and the black art, and, last, but not least, Percino, King of the Air, in a sensational and wonderful aerial act. Another feature will be the Royal Jesters—Julius F. Taylor, Frank Turentine, Lacy Hunt, Bob Gwaltney and Mr. W. F. Robertson, interlocutor. The grand street parade will be a feature worth waiting hours to see. OFF FOR THE PHILIPPINES. Thirty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery, Came Up from Southport Yesterday. The Thirty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery, U. S. A., which has been stationed at Port Caswell for several years, came up to the city at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the steamer Wilmington and left an hour later on a special train of Pullman cars over the Seaboard Air Line for San Francisco, whence, with about a dozen other companies of artillery from the United States, it will sail Feb. 1st for Manila, in the Philippine Islands. A company from the islands will arrive about the same time and replace the 88th at Caswell. The steamer Wilmington upon her arrival with the 110 men composing the company yesterday, was saluted by the harbor craft and passed up directly to the railroad station where but little time was lost in transferring the baggage, etc., to the cars. A number of friends were present to bid the departing soldiers good-by. They go to Cincinnati, via Richmond and St. Louis, and will travel in the same cars, which they left Wilmington. Another company of coast artillery from Fort Getty, S. C., also left yesterday, via Atlantic Coast Line, for San Francisco. A. C. L. Conductors' Change. A change has been made in the run of A. C. L. conductors between Wilmington and Sanford and Wilmington and Charleston. The conductors will alternate on both runs, making one trip to Sanford and the next to Charleston, laying off in Wilmington and Charleston. The lay off here will come every fourth day. The change was made to equalize the pay under the mileage arrangement and will affect Capt. W. H. Pemberton and C. Robert Branch, of the A. & Y., and Charles W. Gasque and Warren L. Jones, of the Charleston run.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

Proceedings of the North Carolina General Assembly at Raleigh Yesterday. LABOR IN TEXTILE FACTORIES. Important Data Made Public by Commissioner Varner—Unusual Authority Granted to Corporation Commission in Durham Case. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—The House of Representatives passed on its second reading to-day a bill empowering the Corporation Commission to compel two or more railroads running into a town to build a union depot. The vote was 71 to 38. Objection was made to its third reading and it went over to to-morrow. This is the bill introduced by Fuller, of Durham, and is urged strongly by the citizens of that town, their object being to force the Southern to join in a union depot before the settlement of the Peabody street right-of-way suit. The House also to-day passed the bill providing \$1,600 for clerical assistance in the insurance department. It had been discussed at length on three different days. A joint resolution was adopted endorsing a memorial to Congress for an appropriation to clean out Shalotte river, Brunswick county. By Graham, to change the end of the fiscal year from November 30th to August 31st. To amend the Laws of 1901, relating to the tax on merchants, liquor, and cigarette dealers. By Erwin, to require registration of trained nurses. By Daniel, to provide codification of the laws. By Erwin, to provide for the treatment and care of certain insane inebriates and idiots. The Senate did little business to-day. Among the bills which passed the third reading were: To allow Grovesville to issue bonds and amend the charter. To prohibit the manufacture, sale and shipment of liquor in Robeson county. To incorporate the Bank of Whiteville. To allow corporations to sell their bonds below par. To regulate the sale of morphine and other drugs. There are 46,569 employees. Reports received from 178 mills show that 929 children under 12 years of age are employed. Reports from 98 mills do not answer the question. Of the adults, 24 per cent. read and write and 71 per cent. of the children read and write. The average highest wages paid employes is \$1.90 per day; the lowest, 55 cents. The highest average paid to women is 94 cents; the lowest 45 cents; average paid to children, 35 cents. LABOR IN TEXTILE FACTORIES. Commissioner of Labor Varner to-night made public some important data, which shows that there are 276 cotton and woolen mills in the State. The highest average paid to women is 94 cents; the lowest 45 cents; average paid to children, 35 cents. The highest average paid to women is 94 cents; the lowest 45 cents; average paid to children, 35 cents.

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Another Large Audience Pleased. Mabel Paige Company Scoring a Great Success at Academy—Carmen To-night. The Mabel Paige Company again delighted a large audience at the Academy last night with a splendid production of the sensational war drama, "The Outpost." The scenes are laid along the Transvaal during the late Boer war and a beautiful little love story is interwoven. Mr. Thomas E. DePew as Fritz Von Neiland, a young engineer, Miss Paige, in the leading role of Nora Desmond, and Mr. Dan. S. Holt, as Corporal Casey, were special favorites during the action of the play and elicited much applause. To-night the bill will be "Carmen," with magnificent staging effects and other accessories. To-morrow afternoon a ladies and children's matinee will be given with the same elaborateness as the night productions. Died From an Operation. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Branch, Jr., 1007 South Third street, will sympathize with them deeply in the death of their little daughter, Mabel, aged four and a half months, which occurred yesterday morning at 8 o'clock from the shock following an operation for spinal trouble. The funeral was conducted at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Rev. C. B. Paul and the interment was in Bellevue. THE ULEY TRIAL AT FAYETTEVILLE. Judge Chadger at 7 o'clock Last Night—Argument by Counsel. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 22.—The whole of to-day in the Uley murder trial in the Superior Court was taken up in argument to the jury by Col. Broadfoot for the defence and N. C. Sicular, Esq., for the State. Court will convene at 7 o'clock to-night when the judge will charge the jury.

POISONED FROM A CORPSE.

Two Students of Medical College at Davidson Stricken With Septicemia as Result of Dissecting a Cadaver. A special from Charlotte says that as the result of infection from the dissection of a cadaver, two students of the North Carolina Medical College at Davidson are in a critical condition and their deaths are expected momentarily. The unfortunate students are J. M. Boyce, of Blacksburg, S. C., and Oscar B. McLeod, of Robeson county, this State. Thursday the young men, with others in their class, dissected a subject for study. Boyce accidentally pricked his finger with one of the sharp instruments used in the dissection while McLeod is supposed to have had some slight abrasion on his hand. In twenty-four hours symptoms of septicemia developed and now the young men are lying at the point of death. Dr. Hinton, assisted by Dr. Strong, of Charlotte, gave the patients the treatment which is being experimented with in New York, injections of formalin. The first treatment caused a rally in the condition of the patients, but it is believed it was given too late and the doctors have about abandoned hope, though they are still persevering with the formalin. The mothers of both the young men are with them. Both of the young men are popular and give promise of great usefulness in their profession. Mr. Boyce is a member of the senior class. Mr. McLeod is a second year man, and for two years has been a star player on the college football team.

"THE ASSEMBLIES" YEARS AGO. An Old Invitation Found That Will Be of Interest in Social Circles. The annual club function last night by "The Assembly" calls to mind that long years ago there was a leading society organization of Wilmington, bearing almost the same name and having very nearly, perhaps, the same purposes in view. Among some old papers of a prominent family in the city was found a few days ago the following copy of one of the invitations sent out by "The Assembly" in those days: WILMINGTON ASSEMBLIES. The company of Mrs. Samuel Langdon is respectfully solicited to the Assemblies for the ensuing series, commencing on Tuesday evening next at the Wilmington hotel. E. B. DUDLEY, B. W. BROWN, JOHN COWAN, T. H. WRIGHT, M. D. DUBOIST, JNO. WADDELL, December, 26th, 1830. PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. — Mr. G. W. Taylor and son, Roy, of Jacksonville, N. C., spent yesterday in the city. — Friends of Mr. James W. Monroe will be delighted to know that he was some better yesterday. — Miss Nellie Plummer has returned home, after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. H. E. Kopf, of Newark, N. J. — Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rehder, Mr. C. W. Polvogt and Mr. R. B. Clowe are at Verona, Onslow county, for a few days' outing. — Messrs. Maurice W. Wiley, of New York, and Mr. Henry Clay, stockholders in the Cape Fear Lumber Co., are guests at the Orion. — Southport Standard: "Miss Margaret S. George, and Mr. Robert Burk, of Wilmington, left on Monday last for Little River, S. C., where they will spend two weeks visiting friends."

MISSION WORK AT DELGADO. Southport Pastor Resigns to Accept a Charge Near Wilmington. [Southport Standard, 23rd.] Rev. E. J. Edwards has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church here, the resignation to take effect the 1st of February next. Pastor Edwards has done a great work during his stay in Southport, and the announcement of his intended removal to another field is learned with much regret by the members of the Baptist church, and numerous other friends that he has made while in our town. During his stay in Southport as pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Edwards has been instrumental in accomplishing many improvements in the church work, notable among them being the erection of a handsome new parsonage for the church. He has accepted a call from Wilmington in the Delgado Mission, and will preach his farewell sermon on next Sunday evening. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Printer Wanted. Wanted, one first class compositor who has had experience on a daily morning paper. Must have good recommendations as to habits and qualifications. Address: THE MORNING STAR, Jan 17 if Wilmington, N. C. AGAIN TO-NIGHT. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. MABEL PAIGE and her all Star Company in an elaborate production of beautiful "CARMEN." Magic Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents. Seats on sale at Plummer's. BIG MATINEE TO-MORROW. FINE BUTTER. We are now receiving the Celebrated BOSCOBEL PRINT BUTTER, in one pound blocks. This, we believe to be the finest Butter for sale in Wilmington. Those desiring something really nice will please give us a call and examine. WILMINGTON GROCERY CO., Jan 17 if No. 15 South Front street. Don't Come to Town Then go back and tell your friends "I ain't seen no FURNITURE MAN yet," because we are still doing business at 110 and 112 Market street. GASTON D. PHARES & CO., The Furniture Man. Jan 23 if

CHEAPER TURPENTINE PRODUCTION. New Method of Tapping Pines Brings More Turpentine and Rosin. Under date of Jan. 20th, the Bureau of Forestry at Washington, issues the following press bulletin: "Turpentine operators will be furnished soon, by the Bureau of Forestry, with circulars of instructions and with personal help for the use of the new cup and gutter system of turpentine tapping, which has been proved to be successful. The experiments of the Bureau of Forestry, at Ocala, Fla., conducted by Dr. Charles H. Herty, have shown the great superiority of the cup and gutter system over the old method of boxing pines. Trees treated by the new system have yielded 38 per cent. more turpentine than boxed trees. Moreover, only the highest grades of rosin were produced. The increased yield for the first year alone has been found sufficient to pay for the new equipment and to furnish a profit besides. An advantage for the timber owner to consider is that the cup and gutter system does away with the injurious box and thus lessens greatly the damage done to the trees. The superiority of the new method of turpentine tapping is so evident that many operators who are acquainted with Dr. Herty's experiments are eager to adopt it. Several potteries for the manufacture of earthen cups have been established; in a short time the new system will probably be in general use throughout the turpentine belt. To make the benefits of the new method directly available the Bureau of Forestry, besides issuing a circular of instructions, offers, without cost, the assistance of Dr. Herty, who will personally direct in the field the installation of the new system. Requests for assistance should be addressed to the Forester, Bureau of Forestry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C."

FEARFUL DEATH OF AN ENGINEER. At Pilot Mountain, N. C., the Tragedy Occurred—Bank Declares Dividend. [Special Star Correspondence.] PILOT MOUNTAIN, N. C., Jan. 21.—Willsie Channell, a young white man, 30 years old, engineer at J. F. Jones' saw and flour mills, was killed to-day while trying to put a belt on the wheel shaft while the engine was running at full speed. His left arm was caught and he was thrown around the shaft several times until the arm was torn from his body. His chest was beat into a jelly and otherwise horribly mutilated. He leaves a wife, who is in a critical condition, and two children. Pilot Bank and Trust Co. declares 10 per cent. dividend for the past year. SOUTHPORT PASTOR RESIGNS TO ACCEPT A CHARGE NEAR WILMINGTON. [Southport Standard, 23rd.] Rev. E. J. Edwards has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church here, the resignation to take effect the 1st of February next. Pastor Edwards has done a great work during his stay in Southport, and the announcement of his intended removal to another field is learned with much regret by the members of the Baptist church, and numerous other friends that he has made while in our town. During his stay in Southport as pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Edwards has been instrumental in accomplishing many improvements in the church work, notable among them being the erection of a handsome new parsonage for the church. He has accepted a call from Wilmington in the Delgado Mission, and will preach his farewell sermon on next Sunday evening. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Printer Wanted. Wanted, one first class compositor who has had experience on a daily morning paper. Must have good recommendations as to habits and qualifications. Address: THE MORNING STAR, Jan 17 if Wilmington, N. C. AGAIN TO-NIGHT. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. MABEL PAIGE and her all Star Company in an elaborate production of beautiful "CARMEN." Magic Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents. Seats on sale at Plummer's. BIG MATINEE TO-MORROW. FINE BUTTER. We are now receiving the Celebrated BOSCOBEL PRINT BUTTER, in one pound blocks. This, we believe to be the finest Butter for sale in Wilmington. Those desiring something really nice will please give us a call and examine. WILMINGTON GROCERY CO., Jan 17 if No. 15 South Front street. Don't Come to Town Then go back and tell your friends "I ain't seen no FURNITURE MAN yet," because we are still doing business at 110 and 112 Market street. GASTON D. PHARES & CO., The Furniture Man. Jan 23 if

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