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## The Morning Star.

### OUTLINES.

Wm. K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Ruth-  
ford were married yesterday in Lon-  
don, Eng. — Gen. Manning, com-  
manding British forces, has had an en-  
gagement with the mad Mullah's  
troops, killing about 1,000 of the latter.  
— Andrew Carnegie has donated  
\$1,500,000 for a temple of peace for the  
permanent court of arbitration at The  
Hague. — Fire at Benson, N. C.,  
destroyed the larger portion of the  
business section; loss estimated at \$75,000.  
— The armored cruiser Colorado  
was launched yesterday at  
Clemens' shipyard. — President  
Roosevelt travelled in three States and  
made a number of addresses. —  
The S. A. L. has sold six millions of  
its four per cent. bonds to a syndicate.  
— Postmaster General Payne has  
relieved Acting Assistant Attorney  
General Christianity from his office  
pending an investigation of his con-  
duct. — A protest will be made by  
the United States, Great Britain and  
Japan against Russia's acceptance of  
the demands of China. — Germany is  
not hostile to Russia's plans. —  
During anti-Semitic riots in Bessarabia  
scores of Jews were shot or beaten to  
death. — Serious disturbances in  
France in connection with the disposal  
of congregations. — The lock-out of  
cotton screwmen in New Orleans  
has been settled. — Yesterday's  
New York markets: Money on call  
steady at 5 per cent.; prime steady;  
straitened common to good \$3 30; spirits  
turpentine steady at 49@49 1/2; cotton  
quiet, middling 10.60; four quait but  
firmly held; wheat—spot steady, No. 2  
red 83 1/2; corn—spot firm, No. 2 86 1/2.

### WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
W. WATERS BUREAU,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.  
Meteorological data for the twenty-  
four hours ending at 8 P. M.:  
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 59 degrees;  
8 P. M., 65 degrees; maximum, 72 de-  
grees; minimum, 53 degrees; mean, 62  
degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall  
since 1st of the month to date, 1.79  
inches.

### COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

Temperatures were higher yesterday  
and last night in all districts and are  
falling this morning in Oklahoma and  
northern Texas. Local rains have  
fallen in the Galveston, Memphis,  
Oklahoma and Wilmington districts.

### FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—For North  
Carolina: Fair in west, showers in  
east portions Sunday; cooler. Monday  
fair; winds becoming north-west and  
fresh.

### Port Almanac—April 26.

Sun Rises..... 5.13 A. M.  
Sun Sets..... 5.43 P. M.  
Day's Length..... 12.30 Hrs.  
High Water at Wilmington..... 7.08 P. M.  
Low Water Wilmington..... 9.38 P. M.

In Atlanta one can buy a Panama  
hat for \$30 to \$50, and they will put  
a ribbon, if wanted, on it without  
extra charge.

The Mad Mullah jumped on a  
British regiment the other day and  
killed 174 men and nine officers, and  
now it is the Britishers who are mad.

When young Mr. Rockefeller got  
back from Mexico he denied that he  
threw \$5 gold pieces to the beg-  
gars, as reported. But very few  
people believed it.

A New York woman who died a  
few days ago requested that her age  
be not inscribed on her tombstone.  
She didn't want people to find out  
how many fibs she had been telling  
about it.

A few days ago the Romans cele-  
brated the 2,650th anniversary of  
the founding of their town. But  
they didn't make much racket, for  
they have become somewhat ac-  
customed to that thing.

The National Bureau of Statistics  
estimates that by the end of the  
fiscal year, June 30, 800,000 immi-  
grants will have arrived in this  
country, which will be a record  
breaker over all the preceding  
years.

John Burns, the London labor  
leader, who is a member of the  
House of Commons, indulges in  
some burning remarks sometimes.  
In speaking of this country the  
other day he said "America is in-  
dustrially hell with the lid off."  
And he doesn't want England to go  
h—l bent after it.

The Brooklyn, N. Y., assessors'  
office discovered the other day it had  
collected 29 cents too much taxes  
from a citizen. It paid it back, but  
by the time it got through the vari-  
ous departments, clerks, &c., it is  
estimated that it cost the town \$7.50  
to refund those 29 cents.

For the first time in the history  
of this country the imports have  
within a year exceeded a billion dol-  
lars. Much of these imports con-  
sist of raw materials for our manu-  
facturers on which they have to pay  
tariff duty, which adds to the cost  
of the materials and also to that of  
the manufactures.

## BURNING OF NEGRO PATIENT.

Death Will be Investigated by Managers  
in Justice to Hospital Attacks and  
All Others Concerned.

Although blame is attached to no  
one in connection with the death of  
the negro, Peter McKenzie, who was  
burned at the James Walker Memorial  
Hospital early yesterday morning,  
Capt. Walter G. MacRae, president of  
the Board of Managers of the institu-  
tion, has called for an investigation of  
the affair in justice to the hospital at-  
taches and all others concerned. The  
inquiry into the circumstances of the  
death has been officially delegated to  
Messrs. D. C. Love and W. H. Sprunt,  
who constitute the regularly appoint-  
ed Board of Inspectors for the present  
term. Those gentlemen will Monday  
make known the result of their investi-  
gation.

The negro on account of the develop-  
ment of an infectious disease, after his  
admittance for treatment of a crushed  
foot, had been removed to a room  
seldom used and necessarily isolated to  
some extent. In that department lamps  
are used for lighting purposes and the  
nurse in attendance had left the patient  
only a moment. He was suffering  
with lock jaw and the nurse was hor-  
rified at hearing a roar from the room,  
which is on the second floor. When  
the alarm had been given and several  
rushed to the scene, it was found com-  
pletely filled with flame from the  
kerosene which the negro had thrown  
all over himself in knocking the lamp  
over. The hospital attaches with re-  
markable coolness and presence of  
mind extinguished the fire without  
calling out the Department and Dr.  
Akerman, the capable surgeon in  
charge, was present at once to give the  
negro attention. He was burned too  
badly, however, and had covered him-  
self with burning bedding in a frantic  
effort to save himself. Dr. Bell,  
the coroner, viewed the remains yester-  
day and they were turned over to  
the county undertaker for burial.

## LOCAL DOTS.

Kodaks and kodak supplies are  
traded in an advertisement by Messrs.  
C. W. Yates & Co. in another column  
of to-day's Star.

The chimney on the vacant lot  
at Nutt and Walnut streets is being  
taken down by means of scaffolding,  
the Mayor having prohibited its being  
pulled down.

It is learned that Inspector  
General Bain and Maj. J. A. Lundeen,  
U. S. A., will begin the inspection of  
the State Guard troops in Wilmington  
next Friday, May 1st.

The receipts of cotton at 1903,  
reach \$34,019 bales. At Charleston,  
208,860, or more than 60 per cent. in  
favor of Wilmington.

Special Convocation, Concord  
Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., to confer the  
Mark and Past Master's degrees and  
ballot on applications for the degrees,  
Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Licenses was issued yesterday  
for the marriage of Miss Lina Todd,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lora Todd,  
of Masonboro township, to Mr. John  
E. Taylor, of Wilmington, son of  
Mr. Henry Taylor, of Myrtle Grove  
Sound.

Crude turpentine quotations  
should have been changed yesterday  
to \$2.00, \$3.25 and \$3.50. Messrs.  
Brooks & Taylor furnish the STAR  
with the following quotations on  
crude: Hard, \$3.25; yellow dip, \$3.25  
and virgin, \$3.50.

The Bell Telephone Co. now  
has 133 of the new 'phones connected  
with the new exchange and working  
admirably. All of the northeastern  
section of the city is now connected  
and the work will be continued next  
week in the eastern portion.

In a game of ball yesterday  
morning the "Market Street Sluggers"  
defeated the "Sixth Street Bull-dozers"  
by a score of 25 to 13. Batteries—  
Kingberry and Selfert; Smith and  
Davis. The feature of the game was  
the battling of Selfert for the "Market  
Street Sluggers."

The city election will be held  
Tuesday, May 5th. No candidates are  
to be voted for except Aldermen. The  
Mayor is elected by the Aldermen. The  
city charter will also be submitted to  
the people at the polls, and a majority  
of the vote cast will decide whether it  
is adopted or rejected.

The Female Ballists.  
The Wilmington baseball team,  
which will play the "Chicago Stars"  
at Hilton next Saturday, will be under  
the management of Mr. J. B. Linder.  
The "Stars" travel in their own Pull-  
man car and will arrive from Marion,  
S. C.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wanted—Proposals.  
Reward—For murderer.  
Clyde Line—Sailing days.  
C. W. Yates & Co.—Kodaks.  
Geo. O. Gaylord—Notice.  
People's Savings Bank—Notice.  
Atlantic Coast Line—Cheap rates.  
F. E. Hasbagen Co.—Out of bag.  
Hydramite White Brick Co.—Notice.  
Solomon's Shoe Store—Ideal patent.  
Mascoe—Meeting Concord Chapter.  
Knights of Pythias—To Ladies of  
Wilmington.

## SUBSIDIARY LOCALS.

Lost—Sum of money.  
J. M. Bunting—Real estate agent.  
Consolidated Railways, Light and  
Power Co.—Gas stove.

\$1.50 Taffeta Silks \$1.80, Monday,  
at Polvog's.

## COUNTY'S TAXABLES.

Conference of Corporation Com-  
missioner's Chairman and the  
Assessing Boards.

## IN COURT HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Hon. Franklin McNeill gives instruction  
as to the New Machinery Act—As  
to Railroad Stocks and Resi-  
dency—Other Notes.

Hon. Franklin McNeill, chairman of  
the North Carolina Corporation and  
State Tax Commission, held a confer-  
ence with the New Hanover tax  
assessors and assessors in the Court  
House yesterday, beginning at 11  
o'clock and lasting until after noon.

Chairman McNeill and Messrs.  
Gabriel Holmes, H. L. Volters, W. F.  
Alexander and Maj. W. F. Robertson,  
of the Board of County Commis-  
sioners, were present with the follow-  
ing boards of assessors from the vari-  
ous townships:

Wilmington—Capt. Louis Baiden  
(chairman), Mr. T. O. Bunting (sec-  
retary) and Mr. M. W. Divine.  
Cape Fear—Messrs. D. G. Westbrook  
and G. Herbert Johnson.

Harnett—Messrs. O. H. Alexander,  
J. D. Woody and William Blanks.  
Masonboro—Messrs. D. J. Fergus,  
B. S. Montford and J. D. Horne.  
Federal Point—Mr. Jno. A. Biddie.

Mayor-elect Springer was present in  
behalf of the city as were also several  
citizens including Capt. Jno. E. Haury,  
Col. Jno. D. Taylor, and Capt. Owen  
Fennell.

Mr. McNeill first addressed the meet-  
ing as to the valuation of prop-  
erty and explained the doctrine of the  
"true value in money" upon  
which basis assessments are required  
to be made. He also empha-  
sized the duties of the assessing offi-  
cers and impressed upon them the  
idea that a high rate perchance  
should not influence them toward an  
undervaluation. The assessors were  
not responsible for the rate, and how-  
ever they might differ as to its exorbi-  
tancy, they were bound by their oath  
to return a true valuation, nothing  
more, nothing less. They should not  
undertake to correct possible mistakes  
by those who made the rates.

The question of residency was  
brought up by one of the officers, and  
Mr. McNeill explained that wherever  
a person spent most of his time in  
earning a livelihood there was his  
home and there he was subject to the  
taxation laws. The new section of  
the machinery act supporting that  
position was read. The matter of rail-  
road stocks was also taken up, and  
Mr. McNeill gave the opinion that indi-  
vidual holders of stock in such corpo-  
rations were required to list them, re-  
gardless of the fact that the corpo-  
ration itself pays tax upon its shares.  
He was asked, if in some instances,  
such a proceeding was not a double  
tax. He admitted that it was in some  
instances, but it was the only solution  
the framers of the law could offer to  
get revenue from all shares that were  
liable; that while the corporations  
might have their headquarters in one  
city or State, the stockholders would  
be scattered in many other places.

The machinery act was taken up by  
sections and explained by Mr. McNeill  
in detail. Mr. McNeill will go down  
to Southport to-morrow to confer and  
advise with the Brunswick authorities  
and will spend the remainder of his  
time before May 1st in the counties of  
Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland and  
adjoining counties.

## Low Rates for Nordics.

The Atlantic Coast Line passenger  
department has issued a handsome  
printed "hangers" announcing that  
the A. C. L. will sell round trip tick-  
ets to Wilmington from Rocky  
Mount, Fayetteville, Newbern, Flor-  
ence and intermediate points for the  
Dues Metropolitan Opera House Or-  
chestra and Mme. Nordica, on May  
23, at the rate of one fare, plus 25  
cents, for the round trip. Tickets go  
on sale May 24, limited for return  
passage until May 4th, inclusive.  
Provided a sufficient number will at-  
tend from Rocky Mount and interme-  
diate points, a special train will be  
operated from Wilmington to Rocky  
Mount, leaving Wilmington midnight  
May 24, arriving at Rocky Mount  
about 4:30 A. M., May 24.

## County Commissioners in Session.

The County Commissioners met in  
special session at 10:30 o'clock yester-  
day morning and appointed William  
Blanks assessor for Harnett township,  
vice Oscar Pearson, resigned, and ap-  
pointed L. D. Cherry to survey certain  
lands for B. S. Montford in Masonboro  
township. Chairman McNeill and  
all members of the board were in at-  
tendance upon the meeting.

## Myrtle Grove School Closed.

Myrtle Grove public school, Miss  
Lola Worley, teacher, closed last  
Wednesday. On the following day a  
basket picnic was given at W. H.  
Williams' landing. There was an en-  
joyable fish fry and oyster roast,  
participated in by between 200 and 300  
people. Selling parties were made up  
and the young people had a most de-  
lightful time.

## Shipping Notes Yesterday.

Clyde steamer Geo. W. Clyde passed  
out at Southport at 4 P. M. Schooner  
Jno. C. Smith passed out at 11 A. M.  
Schooner Pasadena cleared yesterday  
with a cargo of 15,000 cross ties, con-  
signed by the Parmelee-Eccleston Lum-  
ber Company to parties in New York.

## Special Silk sale Monday at Polvog's.

Be sure to visit there.

## LATE COL. WM. J. CROSWELL.

Beautiful Tributes to His Memory at the  
Chamber of Commerce Meeting Yester-  
day—Resolutions of Respect.

At a well attended special meeting  
of the Wilmington Chamber of Com-  
merce yesterday at 12:15 P. M., ap-  
propriate resolutions in honor of the late  
Col. Wm. J. Croswell, superintendent  
of the Southern Express Company,  
were adopted as prepared by a special  
committee composed of Messrs. C. H.  
Robinson, P. Parsall and C. P.  
Bolles, Jr., and individual friends pre-  
sent took occasion to supplement the  
resolutions with personal expressions  
that were feeling and full of regret.

Capt. J. R. Williams, agent of the  
Southern Express Company in this  
city, said that he had been intimately  
associated with Col. Croswell for 38  
years. They had grown up together  
in the express service, first as messen-  
gers and later as route agents. Capt.  
Williams' eulogy of his friend was  
touching.

Mr. F. Hall said his association  
with Col. Croswell had been in a  
church and social way. The departed  
friend was a man of genial spirit and  
kindness; he was not missed only in  
church and social life, but in the  
business community as well.

Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of  
the First Presbyterian church of which  
Col. Croswell was a devoted mem-  
ber, paid a high tribute to his charac-  
ter. Dr. Wells said he knew him in  
his church and home life. Upon any  
great moral question, he was always  
found upon the side of right. He was  
a man of broad mind, large heart and  
true nature. He scored all low  
things and cleaved to that which was  
righteous. His death is a distinctive  
loss to the church and to the business  
life of Wilmington.

The resolutions were read by Mr. C.  
H. Robinson and unanimously adopted  
by a rising vote as follows:  
"This Chamber has heard with pro-  
found sorrow of the death of Col.  
William Jefferson Croswell, who de-  
parted this life on the 4th of April,  
1903, in the city of Wilmington, North  
Carolina.

"Since the year 1899 he has been a  
resident of this city and by his upright  
life and just dealings endeared him-  
self not only to the large number of  
persons with whom he came in daily  
contact in his official capacity as di-  
vision superintendent of the Southern  
Express Company, but to the com-  
munity at large. He was a loyal citizen,  
a genial companion, a true friend,  
a loving husband and father, and a  
sincere Christian gentleman—a strong  
man, physically, mentally, morally.  
He has left a good name, which the  
wise man says, "is rather to be chosen  
than great riches." It is therefore  
"Resolved, further, that the Chamber  
of Commerce has lost one of its most  
valued members and the city of Wil-  
mington one of its most upright citi-  
zens."

"Resolved, further: That we extend  
to the family and relatives of the de-  
ceased our sincere sympathy in their  
grief."  
"Resolved, further: That a copy of  
these resolutions shall be forwarded  
to the family of the deceased, and  
that the same shall be published in  
the Wilmington papers."

## THE STRAWBERRY MOVEMENT.

Forty-eight Cars and 1,462 Crates by  
Express Friday—Leading Quotations.

Forty-eight refrigerator cars and  
1,462 crates by Southern Express were  
the extent of the strawberry ship-  
ments through South Rocky Mount  
Friday. Boston, Pittsburg and New  
York received the bulk of the consign-  
ments which were distributed as fol-  
lows: Boston, 14 cars; Pittsburg, 11  
cars; New York 6 cars and 191 crates  
by express; Cleveland, Ohio, 3 cars;  
Buffalo and Albany 3 cars each; New-  
ark, Springfield, Worcester, Hartford,  
New Haven, Scranton, Utica, Syracuse,  
Elmira and Detroit, one car  
each. By express, Newark, 65 crates;  
Baltimore, 506 crates; Washington,  
D. C., 291 crates; Wilmington, Del.,  
96 crates; Chester, Pa., 63 crates;  
Richmond, Va., 89 crates; interior  
N. Y. and Pa. points, 6 crates.

Leading quotations Friday were  
New York, 13 to 15 cents; Philadel-  
phia 11 to 15 cents; Boston 15 to 17  
cents; Pittsburg, 11 to 14 cents; Chic-  
ago, 15 to 18 cents. The following  
special was received last night relative  
to New York prices yesterday:  
NEW YORK, April 24.—Berries are  
active at from 18 to 16 cents per quart  
and fancy grades are bringing 30  
cents. Peas and cabbage are in de-  
mand. Prices are unchangeable.  
J. & G. LIPPMAN.

## Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants.

## NEWS OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

Federal Term Here Monday Week—Oswald  
and Sampson Superior Courts.

The Spring term of the United States  
Circuit and District courts at Wil-  
mington will convene to-morrow  
week, though no business of impor-  
tance will be transacted until the day  
following. Judge Parnell held court  
at Elizabeth City last week and will be  
at Newbern this week.

Oswald Superior Court, Judge  
Peebles presiding, adjourned a one-  
week term yesterday. Sampson court  
at Clinton will convene to-morrow.  
No cases of public interest were tried  
at the Oswald term. Messrs. J. O.  
Carr and Iredell Meares, attorneys in  
about 80 cases against Thos. A. Mc-  
Intyre in the Oswald court, and Mr. E.  
Vallier a witness in the cases, re-  
turned yesterday afternoon from Jack-  
sonville.

## Church Annual Meeting.

The annual congregational meeting  
of the First Baptist church will be  
held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.  
Officers will be elected and other im-  
portant business will be transacted.  
A full attendance is desired.

## TOBACCO STEMMERY.

Contract Awarded Last Night  
for Building and Equipment  
of Up-to-date Plant.

## THE DIRECTORS IN SESSION.

Manifestation of Faith in Market That is  
Most Encouraging—Machinery Will  
All Be New and First Class—  
Will Employ 200 Laborers.

The Board of Directors of the Wil-  
mington Tobacco Warehouse Co.,  
President W. E. Worth in the chair,  
held an enthusiastic meeting in the  
Chamber of Commerce rooms last  
night and let the contract for the  
building of an up-to-date stemmery in  
connection with its extensive ware-  
house and other interests in the north-  
eastern section of the city.

The building will be two stories in  
height, 20x150 feet in size, and will be  
located 66 feet on the north side  
of the present warehouse. At one  
end of the building will be a brick  
boiler and engine room. On the  
second floor will be the stemming  
room where the tobacco will be pre-  
pared for the ordering machine on  
the first floor, which will finally pre-  
pare the leaf for the market. The  
machinery will all be of the most ap-  
proved style and the contract for the  
same was awarded last night to the  
Philadelphia Textile Machinery Co.,  
of Philadelphia. A representative of  
the company was present and gave the  
directors assurance of the very best  
plant that can be constructed.

That experienced tobaccoists have  
faith in Wilmington as a yellow  
leaf centre, it need only be said that  
at the meeting last night a proposition  
was accepted from a thoroughly reli-  
able and experienced man, who  
leaves from the company for the very  
first year, the entire stemmery and  
gives an iron-clad agreement to pay  
a rental equal to ten per cent. of the  
income. The Directors felt very  
much encouragement in that manifi-  
estation of faith in the market by a dis-  
interested man, whose name is not  
made public for the present for good  
and sufficient reasons.

The capacity of the plant will be  
10,000 pounds of tobacco per day and  
while in operation will give employ-  
ment at remunerative wages to about  
200 hands.

## PRODUCE TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

Only a Preliminary Meeting Field Yester-  
day—Annual Session Later.

Owing to the detention of Vice Presi-  
dent C. C. L. Brown and a large  
number of members of the American  
Fruit and Produce Travellers' Assoca-  
tion, in the adjoining strawberry belt,  
only a preliminary session to the  
fourth annual meeting could be held  
last night. Mr. H. B. Garriah, of  
Garriah Bros., Boston, presided at the  
meeting, and Mr. J. B. Franklin, of  
Sterling & Franklin, Baltimore, was  
present as secretary and treasurer.

The Association expected a number  
of members on the late train from Flo-  
rence last night, and an adjourned  
meeting for the election of officers was  
called upon their arrival, but the pro-  
ceedings were too late for to-day's  
paper.

It was much regretted that sickness  
prevented Dr. E. Porter from coming  
to deliver an address at the evening  
session, but a letter was read from him  
bidding the Association good speed.  
A very happy letter was also read  
from President W. S. Gavan, of the  
National League of Commission Mer-  
chants.

## Pythias Reception To-morrow Night.

A pleasant time is anticipated by all  
who attend the K. P. reception to the  
ladies of the city from 9 to 11 o'clock  
to-morrow night in the splendid Castle  
Hall of the Marchion National Bank  
building. Music will be furnished  
by the Italian Harpers and light re-  
freshments will be served. To the  
ladies will be presented handsome  
Knights of Pythias souvenirs. Every-  
body, whether Knights of Pythias or not, are respect-  
fully invited to attend. The commit-  
tee in charge would be grateful for  
any plants or flowers sent to the hall  
after 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.  
Good care of them will be taken and  
they will be returned promptly. The  
handsome new lodge furniture is in  
place and the ladies are most cordially  
invited to come and see it.

## Greenville School Closing.

Greenville public school, taught by  
Mr. E. C. Herring, closed Friday  
evening with very appropriate exer-  
cises by the pupils, consisting of reci-  
tations, etc. The prize offered by Mrs.  
M. E. Horton, a \$2.50 gold piece, for  
the best all 'round student for the  
term, was awarded to Master Clarence  
Rogers. This is the second year Mr.  
Herring has taught on Greenville and  
this was his most successful year. The  
patrons and friends of the school  
speak in the most complimentary  
terms of him and his work, and desire  
to secure his services next year.

## Rev. Plato Durham Here.

Rev. Plato Durham, of Trinity Col-  
lege, will preach at Grace M. E.  
church to-day at both morning and  
evening services. Rev. Mr. Durham  
is one of ablest and most gifted young  
ministers that the North Carolina Con-  
ference contains. A rare treat is in  
store for those who hear him.

## See the counter 'o' Wash Goods at Polvog's this week.

## BETTER WHARF PROTECTION.

Chamber of Commerce Will Strongly Urge  
Upon New Aldermen Absolute Necessity  
of a Fire Boat—The Plan.

The Chamber of Commerce com-  
mittee recently appointed to devise means  
and secure better fire protection for  
property on the water front has de-  
cided for the permanent mainte-  
nance of a fire boat and will present  
the feasibility and practicability of its  
scheme to the city council at its first  
meeting for regular business in the  
new fiscal year.

Mr. J. A. Arringdale has been  
chosen chairman of the committee  
and he presents logical and conclusive  
reasons why the fire boat should be  
maintained. The plan is to arrange  
with a local tow boat, most probably  
the Marion, to put in an up-to-date  
fire engine of 1,500 gallons capacity  
per minute and a detachable connec-  
tion with the fire alarm system at a  
given wharf where the boat will  
always remain under some steam and  
be ready at short notice to respond to  
all alarms from Front and Water streets  
and their extensions. Hose will be  
furnished by the city and from  
wharves not accessible to the  
regular fire engines the fire  
boat will be able to furnish two  
or more streams even more effective  
than from the department machines.

It is understood that the boat can  
be kept at a cost of about \$1,600 per  
year and that the Marion will install  
the necessary pumps for a contract in-  
cluding about that figure. It is a no-  
torious fact that 75 per cent. of the  
city's property is poorly protected in  
the territory that would be greatly sa-  
feguarded by the fire boat and upon that  
argument favorable action is expected  
from the Aldermen. Each member of  
the committee has been given some-  
thing to do to accomplish their end  
and it is very probable they will be  
successful.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. A. V. Smith, of Raleigh,  
is at The Orion.

—Mr. G. S. Reid, of Chadbourn,  
arrived yesterday.

—Mr. I. W. Warner, of Folk-  
stone, N. C., was at The Orion yester-  
day.

—Mrs. W. A. Lineker will ar-  
rive this morning from Nebraska to  
spend a while in Wilmington.

—Col. Walker Taylor returned  
yesterday from Atlanta, where he  
spent several days on a business and  
pleasure trip.

—Mr. S. A. Matthews, of Cronly,  
arrived yesterday to spend Sunday  
with Mrs. Matthews, who is visiting  
her parents in this city.

—Mr. Robert H. Morris is con-  
valescing from an eleven weeks ill-  
ness. His numerous friends will be  
glad to learn of his recovery.

—Rev. Plato Durham, of Trinity Col-  
lege, who will preach at Grace M. E. church  
this morning and evening, is a guest  
of Dr. D. W. Bulluck.

—The many friends of Mr. Allie  
J. Mitchell will be delighted to know  
that he was able to get out riding yester-  
day after a month's confinement to  
his room with a severe attack of rheu-  
matism.

—Mr. James Nathan Steadman,  
one of the popular clerks in the office  
of the A. C. L. auditor of passenger  
receipts, has resigned his position on  
account of poor health and returned to  
his home at Elizabethtown.

—R. G. Grady, Esq., returned  
last night from Burgaw. Mr. Grady  
has purchased the fine Montague  
fruit farm, near Burgaw, and says