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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Burglars robbed the postoffice at Ravenswood, W. Va., Thursday night. — Paul Du Chaillu died yesterday at St. Petersburg. — Rev. Dr. Bratton has been elected Bishop of Mississippi, Rev. Dr. Murray declining the honor. — The corner stone of the ten million dollar steel plant at Brunswick, Ga., was laid yesterday. — All the union carpenters of Newport News will strike to day for an advance in wages. — President Loubet, of France, arrived at Marseilles escorted by the French fleet and was saluted by the American warships; afterwards the President and Admiral Cotton exchanged greetings. — The full text of the opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court on the suffrage question from Alabama is published. — The buildings of the St. Louis Exposition were formally dedicated yesterday; the weather was disagreeable; addresses were delivered by President Roosevelt and former President Cleveland. — Nine persons were killed and twenty others were injured by an explosion in a gun powder factory near Halladaysburg, Pa. — Fifty-six people lost their lives by the catastrophe at Turtle Mountain, in B. C. — N. Y. markets: Money on call easy at 2@2½ per cent.; cotton—steady at 10.75c; flour was quiet but steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red, 80½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 54½c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 38c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., April 30.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 63 degrees; 8 P. M., 67 degrees; maximum, 86 degrees; minimum, 58 degrees; mean, 72 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 2.05 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Wednesday 24 feet and falling.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

Fair weather has continued in the eastern, and rains with heavy showers are reported in the western districts. The temperature has fallen decidedly in the western portions of the cotton belt.

STORM WARNING.

Signals were displayed at 4 P. M. at all points along the Atlantic coast from Key West to New York. Disturbance over Ontario moving east. High southwest winds expected, becoming west and northwest Friday.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—For North Carolina: Showers and colder Friday; Saturday fair and cool, brisk west winds, possibly high on the coast.

Port Almanac—May 1.

Sun Rises	5.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.47 P. M.
Day's Length	13 H. 39 M.
High Water at Southport	11.07 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	1.37 A. M.

That old hoodoo that followed the battleship Texas seems to have skipped over to the Iowa.

Emile Waldteufel, the waltz writer, has composed over 800 waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, &c. Emile's dances may be all right but he has a teufel of a name.

A Boston preacher who told his congregation that no woman who wears a sea gull or song bird on her hat can enter heaven, can't gull the women with that kind of talk.

The catalogue of the University of North Carolina for the season 1902-3 shows a total of 608 students, who come from seventeen different States. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the University.

Five Italians were arraigned in a magistrate's court in New York a few days ago, charged with extorting money from a countryman, and here is the armament found on them—five dirks, three stilettos, two razors and a revolver.

There is said to be a shortage in the Vermont maple sugar crop. This is rough on Vermont, but when a fair article of "maple sugar" can be made out of brown sugar and vinegar, there is no occasion to worry over it.

There are said to be four denizens 90 years of age and a score or more over 80 in one township in Ohio. They are probably pensioners and are holding their grip as long as they can. There must be some inducement to live so long out there.

The latest reported El Dorado discovered is in Talladega county, Alabama, where the dirt taken from different places at depths of from two to seven feet pans out from $26 to $128 a ton. The discoverers say there are "millions in it," ahead of of the Klondike and no freezing or starving to death.

Commenting upon the fact that Admiral Dewey owns and drives a spanking team of horses, an exchange says everybody knows he is a fine sailor, but few know that he is also a clever whip. The mischief we don't. Didn't he whip Montojo before breakfast?

THE STRAWBERRY MOVEMENT

Seventy Cars Forwarded Wednesday—Prices a Little Off on Account of Appearance of the Norfolk Fruit.

Wednesday's shipments of strawberries through South Rocky Mount amounted to 70 refrigerator cars and 2,035 crates by Southern Express. They were distributed as follows: New York, 15 cars and 323 crates by express; Boston, 12 cars and 31 crates; Pittsburg and Buffalo, 8 cars each; Philadelphia, 7 cars and 480 crates; Utica, 3 cars; Newark, N. J., 2 cars and 109 crates; Springfield, Mass., Scranton, Erie, Albany and Elmira, 2 cars each; Providence, 1 car and 51 crates; Worcester, Syracuse, Cleveland and Columbus, 1 car each; Baltimore, 393 crates; Washington, 369 crates; Chester, Pa., 118 crates; Wilmington, Del., 81 crates; Richmond, Va., 60 crates; Virginia points, 14 crates; N. C. points, 6 crates.

Leading quotations Wednesday were: Providence, 12 to 15c; Boston, 12 to 14c; Philadelphia, 10 to 15c; Pittsburg, 11 to 13½c.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Norfolk berries are increasing on the market and those from the Carolinas are generally in poor order. We sold to-day at from 9 to 15 cents, but a few extras brought higher. Cabbage, $1.50 to $1.75. Peas, $1.50 to $3.00; half barrels, $2.50 to $3.00. Others are unchanged.

J. & G. LIPPMANN,
Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants.

LOCAL DOTS.

— During the past month 15 white and 17 colored couples were licensed to marry. Total 32.

— Printed ballots for use in voting upon the new city charter next Tuesday will be furnished by the city.

— The police made 80 arrests during April, 40 of the defendants having been white, 39 colored and one Chinese.

— The yacht *Roamer* is in port, bound North from Florida. Her owners, Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Roome are aboard.

— The State Great Council of Red Men will meet at Washington, N. C., next week. Wilmington representatives will leave Tuesday.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "Mr. Jim Sutton, of Wilmington, arrived here yesterday to accept a position with Superintendent Jones, of the Electric Company."

— Beginning Saturday and during the remainder of the season the street railway cars will start each morning at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30 A. M. as during the Winter.

— The new book of delinquents reported to the Merchants' Association and recently compiled by the secretary and a committee from that body for the information of members, came from the presses yesterday.

— The Pee Dee Presbytery of South Carolina in session at Conway, S. C., yesterday accepted the proposition of the city of Florence, which offered $3,000 and a site for the establishment of a classical high school at Florence.

— Prof. Cassio C. Brannan, with Belding's Philadelphia Orchestra which spent the last season at Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, N. C., will arrive in Wilmington this morning to play first violin in the Casino Orchestra, on Wrightsville beach.

— The wharf rat, as well as attacking everything else, has invaded the poultry field. Fifteen fine chicks just hatched in the poultry yard of Superintendent Robertson at the Clarendon pumping station at Hilton were killed by the rats Wednesday night.

— Mr. James D. Mote, who farms in a small way back of the Clarendon Water Works office, on Princess street, had the first snap beans of the season yesterday. "Jeems" knows a little something about agriculture as well as theatricals and testing water meters.

— Southport *Standard*: "Rev. E McWhorter preached the 84th anniversary sermon to Atlantic Lodge of Odd Fellows at the Methodist church on Sunday morning last. The entire membership attended the services in a body, and expressed themselves in very satisfactory terms of Rev. McWhorter's sermon."

— Southport *Standard*: "The Wilmington District League Conference will meet at Grace church in Wilmington on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Rev. E. McWhorter will deliver an address, and E. D. Guthrie, Esq., will read a paper. It is quite probable that a large number of Leaguers will go from Southport."

Wedding in Charlotte.

Charlotte *Observer*, 30th: "Mr. Jas. H. Taylor, Jr., a popular young business man of Wilmington, was married in this city last night to Miss Mamie L. McLean. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother, on North Church street, by Dr. A. C. Barron, pastor of the Tryon Street Baptist church. It was a quiet home wedding. Mr. William R. Taylor was best man and Miss Carrie McLean was maid of honor. Shortly after the ceremony the newly wedded couple left for Wilmington."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Meeting—Plantagenet Commandery
The Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Electric fans.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

A. Steljes—House for rent.
Consolidated Railways, Light and & Power Co.—Gas stoves.

JAIL IS BADLY KEPT.

Sensational Report by the Grand Jury to Cumberland County Superior Court.

TWO INDICTMENTS FOLLOWED

Jailer Pate Being Tried at Fayetteville Upon Neglect to Provide Better Quarters for Prisoners—New Hanover County is Not Alone.

New Hanover Superior Courts are not the only ones that some times have sensational reports from grand juries. In Cumberland court Wednesday afternoon the grand jury reported to Judge Cooke that the management and condition of the county jail were very unsatisfactory and upon the statements of the jury the Judge sent the members back to the room and upon instruction, the Solicitor drew bills of indictment against Sheriff Marsh and Jailor Pate. Sheriff Marsh was indicted on the ground that he was responsible for Jailor Pate's conduct of the jail. The grand jury promptly returned true bills and yesterday the trial of Jailor Pate commenced.

The charge is wilful neglect of his duty in respect to the cleanliness of the jail and the quality and quantity of the food furnished prisoners. The defendant is represented by Messrs. Robinson & Shaw and Oates & Nimocks. The Solicitor is conducting the prosecution alone.

The report of the grand jury relative to the jail is published in the Fayetteville *Observer* as follows:

We have examined and respectfully report that the jail we find as a prison is good and strong and seemingly secure. That the sanitary condition is not good, in that it appears filthy or unkept throughout and the inmates complain very much of the presence of vermin. We recommend that the jail should be kept clean, and if possible those lice should be gotten rid of, and that the prison should be kept clean if possible of such pests.

That the inmates complain of the quality and quantity of the food furnished them. We do not think want of food should be part of the punishment of prisoners, nor should it be allowed.

We also think that the sick prisoners at least, should have cots or bunks to sleep on to keep them off the floor, and that the jail should be furnished better bedding for the prisoners.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Adjourned Yesterday at Kinston—Officers Elected for Ensuing Year.

Mr. Philip Heinsberger, who represented St. Andrew's Sunday School, of this city, at the State Convention at Kinston this week, returned last evening and reports a most delightful meeting. The attendance was large and the visitors were most hospitably entertained.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Robert N. Simms, of Raleigh; treasurer, Jos. J. Rogers, Kinston; general secretary, Prof. S. M. Smith, Elon College, and Rev. J. Walter Long, Dobson, assistant secretary.

The following are the members of the general committee of the State: N. B. Broughton, chairman; Geo. W. Watts, J. R. Mendenhall, F. T. Blair, Dr. C. C. Hubbard, H. W. Jackson, Geo. H. Howell, Elder G. C. Vance, J. D. Andrews, H. N. Snow, H. B. Parker, Jr., Rev. J. D. Atkinson, Rev. A. G. Dixon, W. J. Young, Jr., T. P. Johnson, Rev. M. S. Spear, J. W. Long, C. H. Mebane.

Central Executive Committee—N. B. Broughton, Geo. W. Watts, H. W. Jackson, W. J. Young, Jr., H. N. Snow, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, Geo. H. Crowell.

Primary Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Charlotte; secretary home department, H. W. Snow, Durham; secretary department normal training, F. S. Blair, Guilford College.

VESSEL AND ICE CARGO LOST.

The Schooner Albert T. Stearns Ashore on Massachusetts Coast.

Parties interested here have received notice that the schooner *Albert T. Stearns*, Captain Bunker, bound from Rockport, Me., to Wilmington, went ashore Monday on Shovelful shoals, near Chatham, Mass., and is a total wreck. The Monomay life saving station sent out a boat and succeeded in rescuing the crew. The wreckers are stripping the vessel.

The *Stearns* had a cargo of natural ice for the Independent Ice Company, of this city, but the loss is fully covered by insurance. The schooner is owned by the same firm as the ill-fated *Jno. H. Buttrick*, which was lost off this coast exactly a month previous.

Hogs Running at Large.

Residents in the southern portion of the city are complaining that hogs are being allowed to run at large in the neighborhood night after night. A number of flower gardens and yards have been ruined by the depredators and there appears to be no check to them.

High Diver Fell.

A special from Washington, N. C., says: "This afternoon as the high diver of the Hatch Adams Carnival Company was preparing to exploit his feature, his assistant went to the top of the ladder to test it. The guy ropes holding the top ladder section broke, throwing him to a stone pavement below. A broken leg and a dislocated hip are the result, besides what are thought to be internal injuries."

RECENT COLUMBUS MURDER.

Man Arrested in Whiteville Jail Makes Confession Implicating Two Other White Men—Reward Offered.

Cross Edmondson, white, in the Columbus county jail, charged with the murder of Jesse Soles, white, and Jim Staley, colored, ten miles from Whiteville, on the night of March 29th, has made a confession, implicating two other white men, H. B. Register and his son, Jabel, who have left for parts unknown.

It will be remembered that Soles and the negro lived alone in an isolated house and were supposed to be moonshiners with about $1,000 on the premises. The men were murdered and robbed on the night of March 29th and the house burned down on their bodies.

Edmondson says on Saturday before the killing he met Jabel Register at Duvall's stables and he told him his (Register's) father wanted to see him at the house. Register's father, H. B. Register, told Edmondson he had a scheme to make money easy and wanted help; the way to get the money was to rob Staley who had at least $1,000. Register said "kill him if he flickers; he's only a nigger and the people want to get rid of him anyway." Edmondson said he got H. B. Register's gun; Jabel took his and they all went down in the vicinity of Soles' house; lay around until Sunday night when they went up to the house and Jabel shot them through the window and went in the house. Edmondson said he did not know Jabel had set the house on fire until they had gone some distance, after the robbery.

Deputy Sheriff H. A. Elixson has spent some time in Wilmington looking for young Register but has been unsuccessful. It is understood that the Governor offered rewards for the fugitives yesterday.

LOCAL MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Harbor Master's Report for April—Big Standard Oil Steamer—Cotton.

"Nothing doing" in spirits turpentine yesterday; receipts 25 casks.

The local cotton market advanced to 10 cents for middling yesterday with a firm tone. The receipt was only one bale against 464 bales same day last year.

The schooner *M. C. Haskell*, Capt. Wingfield, hence for Mayaguez, Porto Rico, and the schooner *Jno. Paul*, Capt. Foss, hence for Boston, passed out at Southport at 3:30 P. M. yesterday.

The big Standard Oil steamer *Colonel E. L. Drake*, Capt. Rubelli, one of the largest that ever came to the port, is expected here to morrow with a supply of oil for the North Carolina branch of the company in this city. The *Drake* is 360 feet long, 50 feet beam and 28½ feet depth. She has a capacity of 35,000 barrels of oil.

The monthly statement for April by Capt. Edgar Williams, harbor master, shows arrivals of 29 vessels of a combined tonnage of 24,645, which makes a very favorable comparison with the shipping of the same month last year. Twenty-five of the vessels were American and 4 were foreign as follows:

American—Nine steamers, 12,456 tons; 1 barge, 3,000 tons; 15 schooners, 6,941 tons. Total tonnage, 22,397.

Foreign—Four barques, 2,248 tons.

Funeral of Mrs. Blair.

The remains of the late Mrs. W. W. Blair will arrive at 12:45 to-morrow from Gainesville, Ga., and the funeral will be conducted at 4 P. M. from the First Presbyterian church, of which she was a member. It was thought until yesterday that the remains would arrive to day but a telegram from Mr. Blair stated that they would not get here until to-morrow. The remains will be accompanied to Wilmington by Mr. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bell, of Gainesville, at whose residence Mrs. Blair passed away; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Merrill, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, father and stepmother, respectively, of the deceased, and Mrs. R. Cotter and daughter, of Columbus Junction, Iowa.

The New City Directory.

Mr. Julius Holderman, an expert advertising solicitor with the Hill Directory Co., 1109 East Main street, Richmond, Va., is in the city calling upon Wilmington business men in the interest of the new edition of his company's valuable publication for this city. Mr. Holderman is a clever gentleman and possesses every qualification for the directory business. Three other men are here working up manuscript for the new book, which will be issued this Summer or early in the Fall.

Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

Impressive funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 108 South Front street, over the remains of John H., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Haar, whose death was announced Wednesday morning. The services were by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., and many friends of the family were in attendance. The floral tributes were numerous and very pretty. The interment was in Oakdale.

His Grandfather Dead.

Mr. Norwood H. Lockhart has returned from Timmonsville, S. C., where he was called on Tuesday on account of the death of his grandfather, Mr. W. J. Lockhart, a well known citizen of that section. Deceased was 87 years old, a consistent member of the Baptist church and a worthy citizen. He was buried in Timmonsville cemetery on Tuesday.

ODD FELLOWS COMING

Programme Arranged for Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge Here Week After Next.

TWO DELIGHTFUL EXCURSIONS

One Hundred to Two Hundred Visitors Will Go to Wrightsville and Historic Cape Fear Points—Addresses of Welcome, Etc.—Notes.

The annual session of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Wilmington week after next will be one of the most pleasant in the history of that body, if the enterprising local committee of arrangements are favored with good weather during that period and secure the hearty co-operation they deserve from the seven or eight hundred knights of the three links in this city.

An enthusiastic meeting of the committee was held last night, and a programme of business and entertainment was agreed upon. Chairman J. T. King was authorized to formulate the same and have it printed for distribution to members of the Grand Lodge.

There will be between 150 and 200 visitors to Wilmington upon the occasion and they will begin arriving as early as Monday week on afternoon and evening trains. They will be met by a special committee on reception composed of Messrs. J. J. Hopkins, W. L. Smith, W. H. Yopp and J. A. Orrell, and will be shown to the various hotels and private boarding houses where accommodations have been secured for them. The Orton has offered a rate of $2 to I. O. O. F. guests during the week and many will make their headquarters there. The Bonitz, Fulton House and others have also offered reduced rates. The railroads offer the usual transportation rates from all points in the State.

The Grand Lodge sessions will be held in the handsome new Pythian Castle Hall, over the Murchison National Bank building. The first meeting will be called to order by Grand Master J. F. Griffith, of Winston, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The visitors will be welcomed in behalf of the Odd Fellows of the city by Past Grand Master Jno. D. Bellamy and in behalf of the city by Mayor William E. Springer. Grand Master Griffith will likely respond in behalf of the Grand Lodge. A night session will also be held, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday morning's session will be called to order at 9 o'clock and it will continue until about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when a recess will be taken for a trolley ride over the suburban line to Wrightsville beach. A night session will be held upon the return of the visitors from the beach.

All of Thursday will be given over to pleasure. Capt. Jno. W. Harper, of the steamer *Wilmington*, has placed his splendid boat at the disposal of members of the Grand Lodge and they will go for an excursion down the river as far as Fort Caswell. The trip will probably include a visit to the fort itself as the committee has secured the endorsement of Capt. E. E. Winslow, in charge of the Corps of U. S. Engineers here, upon an application to the Secretary of War for the rare privilege. On the boat the Daughters of Rebekah will serve refreshments and an Italian band has been secured to furnish the music. The party will most probably visit the ruins of Fort Fisher while down the river, but will return to the city in time to hold a session Thursday and adjourn, after the election of officers and winding up of other business.

The committee has ordered 300 handsome souvenir badges for the visitors as well as an extra supply for the use of the committees. The badge will be on wide red ribbon, with celluloid button, bearing a cut of Fort Fisher and I. O. O. F. emblems.

It is expected that all the Grand Lodge officers will be in attendance. Among the number will be Mr. Richard J. Jones, of this city, the veteran treasurer, who will have served half a century after the Wilmington meeting. Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh, is another veteran in the service and has the confidence and esteem of every Odd Fellow in the State. Mr. J. J. Hopkins, of Wilmington, is another Grand Lodge officer who is deservedly popular in State Odd Fellowship. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Asheville, N. C., is the Deputy Grand Master, and will likely be Grand Master after this year's meeting.

Wilmington is the leading I. O. O. F. city in the State and has a number of Past Grands who are eligible to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The local committee of arrangements is composed as follows: J. T. King (chairman), J. A. Orrell (secretary), W. L. Smith, W. H. Yopp, B. F. King, J. E. Silva, C. D. Morrill, J. J. Hopkins, B. J. Jacobs, E. N. Penny, E. F. Johnson, N. F. Parker.

Small Fire At Hope Mills.

Fayetteville *Observer* 30th: Fire was discovered this morning in a number of bales of cotton on the Atlantic Coast Line platform at Hope Mills, but was extinguished with a loss of not over $100. The cotton was consigned to the Cumberland Manufacturing Company."

Health Officer Resigned.

Health Inspector W. E. Beaton has resigned his position to take effect at once. He will re-enter the service of the C. R. I. & P. Co., as conductor. In the health department he was a model officer and the superintendent gave him up with reluctance.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

— Capt. E. E. Winslow, U. S. A., went up to Norfolk yesterday.

— Messrs. J. A. Patterson and C. L. Hill, of Newbern, are at The Orton.

— Frank Gough, a popular Robesonian, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Mrs. C. Oscar Byerly returned last evening from a visit to relatives in New York.

— Mr. James Charles Craft left yesterday to attend the Music Teachers' Convention in Greensboro.

— Mr. G. B. D. Parker, one of the leading spirits of Chinquapin, the metropolis of Duplin county, was a STAR visitor yesterday.

— The numerous friends of Mr. W. I. Gore will regret to know that he is seriously ill at his home on Orange, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

— Mrs. F. A. Montgomery and family are back from Point Caswell to make Wilmington their home again. They are residing on Fourth, between Ann and Nun streets.

— Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., and bride returned yesterday from Charlotte and will be at home after May 4th at the residence of the groom's uncle, Mr. C. L. Taylor, No. 510 Market street.

— Mr. J. A. Arringdale left Wednesday for Maryland in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his brother, Mr. Lee Arringdale. Yesterday a telegram was received stating that Mr. Arringdale's brother had died.

— The STAR had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. Nash E. Bunting, of Fayetteville. Nash is one of the most popular citizens of his adopted home, where he is one of the "City Fathers." His old friends in Wilmington are always glad to see him.

LUTHERAN SYNOD AT SALISBURY.

Dr. A. G. Voigt Called Home on Account of Death in His Congregation.

Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt arrived yesterday and conducted the funeral services over the remains of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Haar, having been excused from the centennial session of the Lutheran Synod at Salisbury on account of the death. The synod is holding a most interesting and profitable meeting. Wednesday night's session was devoted to an address on "Beneficiary Education," by Rev. C. W. Kegley, of Wilmington. A correspondent reporting the proceedings, says:

The sessions of the synod continue to be interesting and are well attended by the public. The venerable Dr. G. D. Bernheim, of Wilmington, one of the most prominent ministers of the Southern Lutheran Church and an industrious writer of church history, arrived last night, but was too unwell to take part in the session of the synod to-day. He is to deliver an address at the afternoon session of the centennial celebration Saturday on "Our Pioneer Ministers; Their Labors and Trials, Past and Present Compared."

In Same Room 20 Years.

Mrs. Mariana Newman left yesterday afternoon for Florence, S. C., to live with her son, Mr. Louis Newman. She has been an invalid for many years and yesterday was the first time she had been out of her room at the Bonitz House in 20 years. In the same room she was a guest many years ago after she was first married. Up to last month she had resided there with her son, the late Henry Newman, who cared for her tenderly. Mrs. Newman's friends hope that she stood the trip to Florence well and will be pleased with her new surroundings.

Missing Man Not Found.

Although diligent search has been made, nothing has been seen or heard of Mr. James Byrd, a member of the city street force, who disappeared from his home, near Third and Wright streets, last Saturday night. Chief of Police Furlong and Sheriff Stedman will send several men to-day to ascertain, if possible, the man's whereabouts.

The New Steam Laundry.

The Eagle Steam Laundry at No. 15 North Second street, will begin operation next Monday with Mr. J. W. Smith, manager. The machinery is all new and has been tested and found in perfect working order. The laundry will employ about a dozen persons at first but the force will be increased from time to time as business demands.

Express Agent at Florence.

Yesterday's Florence *Times* says: "Charles Bultman has been appointed agent of the Southern Express Company at this place, to take effect to-morrow. Mr. Bultman has for a number of years been in the service of the Express Company in various departments and is thoroughly familiar with all lines of this work. He is at present express messenger on the W., C. & A. railroad. Mr. S. W. Dixon, the present agent, has been provided for in another department of the service."

Given Away at Polvogt's To-day.

The Neck Ruche, Parasol and Hat, which have been on display in the window of the C. W. Polvogt Co. since their opening day, will be given away to-day at eleven o'clock. All those who are interested are requested to be at their store at 11 o'clock this morning when the presentation will take place. The first will be awarded the Parasol, the second will be given the Neck Ruche and the third will be given choice of any Hat in their establishment. All those whose purchases in their Millinery Department amounted to $5.00 have been given an opportunity to secure one of these articles. To-day the C. W. Polvogt Co. will offer as their bargains Trunks, Suit Cases, Sheets, Pillow Cases and Household Linen.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business, April 9, 1903.

(Began business March 1, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1,019,857.71	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	300,000 00	Surplus and Net Profits	87,782 63
Bank Building	30,000 00	Circulation	199,850 00
Cash on hand and in banks	366,325 62	Deposits	1,128,501 30
	$1,716,083 33		$1,716,083 3

Comparative statement of deposits.

April 9th, 1901, $461,411 62.
April 9th, 1902, $714,616.30.
April 9th, 1903, $1,128,501.30.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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THE CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG.

Every one has found out the advantage of dealing with us. It did not take a long consideration to discover it. Satisfactory purchases and moderate prices settled the question of where to buy. Here is a chance for you to convince yourself of the good values you get here.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.,

Provisions at Wholesale.

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WILMINGTON COMPANIES CHARTERED.

Stone and Construction and the Standard Supply Companies—A Hardware Co.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 30.—The Wilmington Stone and Contracting Company was chartered to-day with $20,000 capital authorized and $6,000 subscribed, by W. H. Griffin, of Newbern; S. P. Adams and H. E. Bonitz, of Wilmington each of whom has 20 shares. The company will manufacture artificial building stone and do general contracting, building, etc.

The Standard Supply Company, of Wilmington, was also chartered, with $30,000 capital subscribed, the business specified being to manufacture all kinds of machinery, electrical appliances, metal products, tools, mill supplies, etc. The incorporators and interest of each are H. A. Burr, 240 shares, Fred S. Burr, 10 shares; Theodore S. Jackson, of New York, 50 shares.

There was also a charter to the McAllister Hardware Company, of Lumberton, capital $8,000 subscribed and $35,000 authorized. The incorporators are J. A. McAllister, W. P. McAllister, J. McAllister, of Lumberton, and Hugh McL McAllister, of Charlotte.

THE DRUIDS ELECT OFFICERS.

Those Chosen Last Night by Linden Grove No. 2—The Installation.

At last night's meeting of Linden Grove No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term:

Jr. P. A.—G. W. Linder.
N. A.—D. E. Costin.
V. A.—J. G. Ittner.
Secretary—Geo. Ziegler.
Treasurer—A. J. Marshall.
Conductor—Joe Meier.
I. G.—Geo. Simon.
O. G.—G. W. Bornemann.
Trustees—Julius Sternberger, S. Behrends and G. W. Linder.

The above with the appointive officers will be installed on next Thursday night, May 7th, by Deputy Grand Arch A. J. Marshall.

Norment-Parmele Wedding.

Lumberton *Argus*: "A brilliant social event was the reception at the home of Capt. W. S. Norment, Tuesday evening, preceding the nuptials of Mr. Parmele and Miss Nell Norment, which were celebrated last evening in the Presbyterian church. A host of friends were in attendance at the reception, and most valuable was the profusion of rich presents, betokening the popularity of the bride in her home town. The marriage ceremony was performed by Dr. J. P. McMillan, in the presence of a large audience, including a number of Wilmington friends. The happy couple left on the evening train for a bridal tour through the North, on which the *Argus* wishes them the most abundant joy, to be extended through the whole life journey."

Fayetteville People Coming.

Fayetteville *Observer*, 30th: "Quite a large party of gentlemen and ladies, some twenty-five or thirty, will be passengers on the *City of Fayetteville* to-morrow, bound for Wilmington to hear Mme. Nordica and the Dana Metropolitan Opera House orchestra at the Opera House there Saturday night. The *City of Fayetteville* will leave her wharf here promptly at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and returning will leave Wilmington immediately after the concert Saturday."

— The city election will be held next Tuesday, May 5th.

DIED.

BLAIR.—In Gainesville, Ga., Tuesday, April 28th, at 10 P. M., Mrs. W. W. BLAIR, in the 38th year of her age.

Remains will arrive to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon via S. A. L., and funeral will be conducted at 4 P. M. same day from the First Presbyterian Church. Interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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