U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., May 7. Meteorological data for the twenty-

our hours ending at 8 P. M .: Temperatures: 8 A. M., 61 degrees P. M., 66 degrees; maximum, 73 de rees; minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 64

Bainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 1.47 cents. Stage of water in the Cape Fear

river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN. Heavy showers have fallen in Georgis, Louisians, Arkansas and Alabams, and rains are reported in all districts except the Wilmington, Auguesa and Charleston. There have been no material changes in tempera-

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY. WASHINGTON, May 7 .- For North Carolina: Showers Friday; cooler in the interior. Saturday showers; fresh northeast winds.

Port Almanae-May 8.

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Sin Sets	6.52 P. M
Day's Length	13 H. 49 M
High Water at Southport	5.28 A. M
High Water Wilmington.	7.58 A. M
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We haven't heard from Turtle Mountain within a day or two, but at last accounts the other half of its head was crawling down.

Mr. Hanna has again bobbed up to remark that it is "all bosh" the talk of his being or becoming a candidate in opposition to Roosevelt.

The Yaqui Indians down in Mexico have a very high estimate of Americans. They captured one not long ago, Col. Martin Ericson, and want \$500,000 ransom for him.

There are extensive veins of anthracite coal in Morgan county, West, Va., not as good as the Pennsylvania coal, but good enough to become a competitor if the Pennsylvania barons run the price too

The Doukhobors, that Russian fanatical sect in Manitoba, are beginning to perform again. The latest is that they have discarded all clothing except a coat and boots and have gone on the tramp "in search of

the new mother-in-law of the Earl of Yarmouth, has thawed, and "taken the public into her confidence." The general impression was that Yarmouth was her confi-

A news dispatch says Mrs. Thaw.

P. A. B. Widener, one of the street railway magnates of this country, would rather walk than ride

in Wilkesbarre mysteriously disap- points, 42 crates. peared from her home, since when nothing was heard of her until a few days ago when she was found in New ark, N. J., working as a cook. She remembered nothing of what happened since her disappearance until discovered, when she remembered every-

At the age of 70 Captain Ford, of Pittsburg, who was rich, became a bankrupt, and his friends thought on account of his age the jig was up with him. But Mr. Ford couldn't afford to rust for the balance of his years, hustled, scraped up money enough to start a plate glass factory, made a success of it, and died a few days ago aged 91, worth several millions, all made since he busted 21 years ago.

THE MORNING STAR.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1903.

Arrangement Committee Preparing for Eutertainment in June-Major Robertson Will Welcome the Visitors.

The joint arrangement committee for the Grand Lodge K. of P., which meets here June 16th, met yesterday afternoon in the office of the Clarendon Water Works Co. and organized by the election of Col. Walker Taylor, chairman, and Mr. H. E. Bonitz, secretary. Plans were immediately set on foot for the arrangement of a programme of royal entertainment and Knights from Currituck to Cherokee may expect to find the hospitality of Wilmington and the beach boundless

when they come. The welcome address will be delivered by that enthusiastic and eloquent Knight, Maj. Wm. F. Robertson, and the response will be by some prominent member of the Grand Lodge. The sessions will be held in the handsome new Castle Hall, over the Murchison National Bank, and one of the opening features will be an elaborate reception there. Headquarters will be at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville

The joint entertainment committee s composed as follows: Wm. F Robertson, Thos. D. Meares and J. J Hopkins, Stonewall Lodge; Walker Taylor, J. D. Nutt and J. F. Littleton, Clarendon Lodge; C. F. VonKampen, J. W. Duls and John Haar, Germania Lodge; W. J. Woodward, E. H. Munson and H. E. Bonitz, Jefferson Lodge.

LOCAL DOTS.

- Other local, fourth page.

- See notice to Carolina Yacht Club members in another column. - Spirits turpentine closed on the local market yesterday, firm at 441

- The C. F. A. and W. H. S will meet on the Hilton diamond at 4 P. M. to-day. General admission 10 cents; ladies free.

the metallic circut.

- The American barque Rescue. hence for Kingston, Jamaics, with cargo of lumber, passed out at Southport at 11:30 A. M. yesterday.

- Mayor Springer had only one offender before him in the police cour yesterday. A young white man found drunk and down was fined \$5 and

- For three days not a single the Wilmington market. The quotations remain firm on a basis of 10 cents for middling.

- The Junior Order of United American Mechanics' committee did not visit Union School yesterday as had been announced. The visit was postponed until next Thursday at the same hour.

- To-day and to-morrow between the hours of 2 and 6 P. M., care will be run from Tenth and Princess to Oakdale cemetery. The same service will be continued all day Sunday from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

- The first moonlight excursion of the season will be run to Carolina Beach on the steamer Wilmington tonight by the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of Americs. Steamer leaves the city at 7:45 P. M.

- Mr. S. P. Adams, the wel known civil engineer, has opened an office over the Chamber of Commerce, No. 14 Princess street, and is prepared to furnish surveys, plans, estimates, superintendence of roads, streets, drainage, railway construction, etc. He is thoroughly competent; finely educated in his profession and has had a long and successful experi-

STRAWBERRY MOVEMENT YESTERDAY.

Shipments Not Near So Large as Usual

Leading Quotations. Wednesday's shipments of straw berries through South Rocky Mount amounted to only 48 cars and 1,779 crates by Southern Express. The distribution was as follows: New York, 10 cars and 334 crates by express; Philadelphia, 6 cars and 634 crates by express; Pittsburg, 4 cars; Newark, 8 cars and 101 crates; Boston, 3 cars and 2 crates; Scranton and Elmirs, 3 cars each; Washington, 2 cars and 220 crates; Springfield, Worcester and Utica, 2 cars each each; Baltimore, 1 on a trolley car, and never does ride car and 57 crates; Pittsfield, Wilkesif he can help it. It stirs him up barre, Albany, Oleveland, Binghampand makes him "sea sick" as it were. | ton and North Adams, 1 car each; Maybe his trouble is "undigested Wilmington, Dal., 173 crates; Chester, Pa., 104 crates; Richmond, 62 crates; Providence, 6 crates; interior N. Y. Six months ago a wealthy woman and Pa. points, 44 crates; Virginia

> Leading quotations Wednesday were Philadelphia, 10 to 15c; Washington, 8 to 18c; Boston, 9 to 11c; Pittsburg, 10 to 12c.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Banks-Special notice. Woodmen of World-Notice. S. P. Adams-Civil engineer. Carolina Yacht Olub-Meeting. Masonic-Meet'g Plantagenet Com'y University Law School-New term. The Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.-By moonlight.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted-Reliable solicitors. Carolina Beach-Moonlight excur'n. Consolidated Railways, Light and & Power Co.-All kinds. Consolidated Bailways, Light and Power Co.-To Wrightsville Beach. | Kyle, Regarding the industrial pros-

THE PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE. ITS SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Passed Its Fiftieth Mile Post Yesterday.

THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

Officers for the Ensuing Year Blected Exhaustive and Valuable Reports by President Chadbourn and Secretary Kyle-Other Notes.

Following the annual election of officers of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce from 12 to 3 o'clock yesterdaylafternoon, the semi-centennial meeting of the Chamber was held in its spacious quarters on Princess street. There were in attendance a large and representative body of members and the various reports of the year's work, etc., submitted by the president, secretary and several chairmen of committees were of such character as to excite the greatest enthu-

Just before the meeting and while the rooms were througed with members, Secretary Kyle posted the result of the election as just declared by the poll-holders, Messrs. Jos. H. Watters, J. A. Taylor and John Frank. The result was as follows:

President-J. A. Taylor. Vice President-S. P. McNair. Executive Board-J. A. Arringdale,

Jno. E. Crow, I. M. Bear, M. S. Willard and L. B. Rogers. Inspectors of Election-Jos. H. Watters, Jno. T. Rankin and John

There were three tickets in the field two of them bearing the name of Mr. J. A. Taylor for president and the third bearing the name of Mr. H. W. Malloy for the same office. Neither of the gentlemen were candidates, however. Mr. S. P. McNair had the honor of being on all three tickets for vice president and nearly all the old members of the -Out of 760 odd 'phones of the tickets. The exceptions were Messrs. Bell Company in Wilmington, 540 are M. W. Divine, J. A. Taylor, J. E. now installed of the new pattern on Crow and M. S. Willard, who were new men, the two last named having

> President Chadbourn in calling the meeting to order adverted to the fact that it was the semi-centennial of the organization and congratulated those present upon reaching the event so auspiciously. Upon motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed

been elected.

The following members were in attendance: Messrs, Jno. Frank, W. bale of cotton has been received on H. Sprunt, D. L. Gore, H. K. Nash, J. T. King, J. T. Rankin, Roger Moore, W. H. Brown, G. J. Boney, R. W. Price, W. E. Worth, M. W. Jacobi, S. F. Craig, W. P. Oldham, C. H. Robinson, H. G. Smallbones, J. C. Stevenson, Jno. H. Brown, R. H. Bickett, J. A. Taylor, Walker Taylor, W. H. Chadbourn, Geo. B. French, W. T. Sears, C. P. Bolles, Jno. F, Mc-

Nair and H. W. Malloy. When the preliminaries of opening the meeting were disposed of, Mr. James H. Chadbourn, president of the Chamber, read his annual report which is a valuable contribution to the commercial history of the city. The STAR regrets that for want of space the report cannot be published in its complete form to-day.

President's Annual Report. Mr. Chadbourn began by congratulating the Chamber upon reaching its semi-centennial, and declaring that the organization was never more useful to its membership than to-day. The consolidation of the Produce Exchange and Chamber of Commerce was referred to. In the consolidation none of the good qualilies of either body was lost, but together, with new features, the two organizations were amalgamated into a society of business men, thoroughly equipped for usefulness in every department, each of which departments was enumerated and its features pointed out the telegraphic reports, the library and reading room, the daily reports of cotton, stocks and bonds printed and sent out by the secretary, the freight bureau, the promotion of industrial enterprises, the bringing of large State odies to the beach, the advertising booklet now in process of preparation. The service of the Chamber, and especially that of Messra, Geo. O. Gaylord and W. E. Worth in securing the tobacco warehouse, was complimented. The series of social entertainments by the Chamber during the past year were commended as a feature which added no little interest and had brought about a unity of action and feeling of brotherhood, as it were, among members. The most notable of these was the entertainment of Hop. F. A. Vanderlip, the eminent financier of New York, whose address here created more general and widespread notice than any other article on American finance within recent years. It was quoted in full and commented upon by almost every newspaper and magazine the world over, which aside from the intrinsic value of the address, was a great advertisement for the city, having been referred to as "Mr. Vanderlip's Wilmington, N. O., Address."

The Executive Committee of the Chamber was commended for its faithfulness, having met three or four times each month. The Standing Committees were given none the less credit; special mention having been made of the work of the Transportation and Traffic, Membership, and Entertainment Committees. The Transportation and Traffic Committee did its work with wisdom, discre-

tion and the utmost energy.

President Chadbourn commended to

careful study the report of Secretary

perity of the city he said the cotton mills located in Wilmington are doing a good business now. Mr. E. C. Holt, president of Delgado Mills, wrote:

"In my opinion, this is a very advantageous point for manufacturing and an increase of cotton mills here would help those already established, as it would create a milling centre."

Mr. J. A. Arringdale, general manager of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, writes: "I look upon the prospect for the continuance of trade for 1908 as being very good," He says the saw mills of Wilmington employ fifteen hundred men in getting out logs and manufacturing the lumber, and he looks upon the lumber interest of he looks upon the lumber interest of Wilmington as being in a prosperous

Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company, and senior partner of Hugh MacRae & Co., Bankers and Brokers, says : "Yours of March 18th received. In reply thereto, I would say that the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line having expressed a willingness to co-operate in the up building of Wrightsville and the beach as Summer and Winter resorts, I have no doubt that the advantages of those places are sufficient to give satisfactory results to capital invested, with a view to creating resorts there.

"In other words, the advantages are there; the transportation facilities are better than to any undeveloped place I know of; but the resort facilities are entirely inadequate, and cannot be obtained without the investment of capital. The necessary capital would, I think, be safely invested and properly remunerated.

Perhaps the best indication of our growth and prosperity can be shown by what the real estate men and archi tects say, and President Chadbourn quoted an extract from a letter from W. M. Cumming, real estate dealer: "You ask me about the prosperity of the city as indicated by the real estate business for 1902 and our prospects for 1903. In reply would say that I have never known conditions so good or prospects so bright, and I have been in the Real Estate business for eleven years. Last year saw many improvement along all lines connected with Real Estate, more than I ever saw in the same length of time, and more and greater improvements are contemplated in the near future. Present conditions are good, very good, and the future is bright."
Continuing his report Mr. Chadbourn said: "Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the

architect, says that there are greater prospects for building in Wilming-He believes that he would be safe in saying that there will be three times the amount of building this year than in any previous year, and this is not confined to residences, but many manufactories are now in course o templated and he has plans for severa large mercantile houses. "I have several letters from our

all agree that business in Wilmington is in a most healthy and prosperous "Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National Bank, says that the business of Wilmington during the year 1902 was the best he had known in fifteen years. The people, in his opinion, are generally more prosperous than they have ever been and all indications are now most en-couraging for a continuation of good

hardware merchants, from dealers in

groceries, shoes and other lines, and

"A letter from the Atlantic National Bank says that the business of Wilmington can better be estimated by a comparison of the banking operations of our city with those of other cities of the State. The writer also informs us that the deposits in the banks of Wilmington are very much in excess of those of any other city in the State. This money is not idle money, by any means, but is loaned out within bounds of reason. Our banks are all doing a safe, prosperous and profitable business, and are judiciously managed.

"The postoffice receipts are the surest index of the prosperity of a city. In 1899, our postoffice receipts were \$41,000; in 1900, \$45,365.99; in 1901, \$49,508.92, and in 1902, \$57,781.10. Thus showing a steady in-

"To speak of the growth and pros perity of Wilmington without men-tioning the Atlantic Coast Line would be like the play of Hamlet without the character of Hamlet. The Atlantic Coast Line is a large portion of Wilmington—indeed a very vital portion. Our citizens realize this and are proud that the old Wilmington & Weldon railroad was the parent road of such a magnificent system of roads as the present Atlantic Coast Line—a model line—a model railroad and managed by men each an expert in his profession. The head of this great system, Mr. Harry Walters, has no peer in this country in the profession of railroading, and we look upon him to-day as being head and shoulders above any other railroad man or railroad financier in America. He is prudent and wise and a gentleman of the strictest integrity, and those of you who have followed Mr. Walters' lead in the successive steps of growth in this great system have no cause to regret investing money with his. Mr. Walters is an organizer by nature and upbuilds and improves any property he takes hold of. The minority stockholders of the Louisville & Nashville may consider themselves fortunate indeed having such an able man associated with them, as from experience and our knowledge of the management of the Atlantic Coast Line we can say to them their property is worth more to them now than ever before, and it will continue to improve as long as Mr. Walters has anything to do with it. One of Mr. Walters' qualifica-tions is his keen judgment of character and capacity, and I doubt if any railroad can boast of a more efficient corps of officers than the Atlantic Coast Line-Elliott, Erwin, Kenly, the Messrs. Emersons, Borden, Post, Fechtig, Royal, Divine, Prince, Oraig, the list. These men operate their rail road in a business-like manner and it is a pleasure to come in contact with them. Any reasonable request of them is sure of their approval. "I think this an appropriate time to call to the attention of the Chamber

a matter of great interest and impor-tance—not only to this community but to the people of the whole country, and one which, I believe, if urged before Congress, will be recognized as worthy of favorable consideration by

"I desire to see this Chamber inaugurate a movement for the conversion of the battle ground of Fort Fisher into a national reservation similar to those already established at Gettysburg, Chicamauga and elsewhere. Viewed in any aspect the battle of Fort Fisher was a great event. There occurred the greatest bombardment that has ever occurred since the invention of gun-powder, and one of invention of gun-powder and H. G. Smallbones, he said he would not leave the Chamber without an emergency, but attractive and worthy of the course at the would not leave the Chamber without a tractive and worthy of the course and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the Chamber without a tractive and worthy of the course and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the Chamber without a tractive and worthy of the course and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the Chamber without an emergency, but attractive and worthy of the course and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the Chamber without an emergency, but attractive and worthy of the course and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the Chamber without a tractive and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the Chamber with the course and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave the chamber and the \$500 could be expected to the would not leave

whelming odds that ever took place in the world. It was the last stronghold and the only remaining gateway for the supplies of the Confederacy and a point of vital interest to both governments. Since the close of the war, the inlet through which the fleet entered, after destroying the fort, has been closed by a magnificent and costly piece of engineering work by the Gov-ernment, and there is now dry land where a great navy rode at anchor. The peninsular could be made one of the most attractive reservations in the country, and would be visited by thousands of people from all parts of the country at all seasons of the year. I hope the Chamber will take hold of

this matter in earnest and press it upon public attention, and, if so, I feel assured it will succeed.
"In conclusion, I wish to say it is plain to be seen that the merchants of Wilmington have more public spirit than ever before; they are more united in their public efforts, and present a solid front in bringing Wilmington forward as a business center, a manufacturing and an export city.

The Secretary's Report,

Another valuable paper, replete with interesting statistics concerning Wilmington industrially, was the annual report of the energetic and clever secretary, Mr. James Kyle, which was read by him, upon conclusion of President Chadbourn's comprehensive

Secretary Kyle reported 16 general meetings during the year and 25 subects of importance considered, promi nent among which were:

"Putting wires of Southern Bell Telephone Company under ground; adoption of new by-laws; S. A. L. passenger schedules; removal of Chamber to more commodious and convenient quarters; supper at Sea-shore Hotel Sept. 12th; Vanderlip sup-per Oct. 30th; promotion and estab-lishment of tobacco warehouse; service of Southern Bell Telephone Company; City sewers emptying into river above surface at low tide; extension of Columbus Telephone Company's line into Wilmington; Fowler Currency Bill; endorsement of petition of King's Daughters to General Assembly for reformatory for young white crimi-nals; opening of Shallotte and New River to steam navigation; compul sory pilotage and erection of Summer and Winter hotel on the Hammocks.

The Chamber now has a book in-The Chamber now has a book income of \$3,375 per annum with membership of 94, gaining 18 new members during the year. The receipts for the fiscal year were \$3,885.22; disbursements, \$3,838.05; unpaid dues, \$56.25; in banks, \$547.17. Of the receipts \$3,125.61 was from dues; \$201 05 from suppers; \$35.00 from rent \$77.67 from Produce Exchange \$420.21 from Chamber of Commerce \$10.88 interest on surplus fund, and \$14.80 refund on travelling expenses. Of the disbursements \$370.54 was on

secount of permanent improvements; \$1,204.70 on salaries; \$232.50 rent; \$863.43 telegraph; \$69.87 telephones; \$93.20 stamps and stationery; \$48.04 periodicals; \$75 travelling expenses Fraffic Committee; \$23 65 travelling expenses Tobacco Committee: \$37.88 uel, light and ice, and \$319.24 inciientals. The record of the Executive committee was remarkable, both from frequency of meetings and the number of subjects considered, no less than 46 meetings and 145 subjects appearing on the minutes as evidence

of their industry and activity.

Concluding his report, Secretary

Kyle gives the following resume of

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Total.....\$32,146.720.00 Amount paid transportation compa nies, river and rail, for 1902, \$1,628, 000,00. Assessed valuation of city property, real and personal, \$8,171, 190.00.

Jewelry.....

The Secretary's thanks are due and hereby tendered to the president and executive committee for their consideration and assistance during the year. Respectfully submitted JAMES KYLE,

Secretary and Treasurer. Other Business of the Chamber.

Chairman J. A. Taylor, of the Trans portation and Traffic Committee, made verbal report of the business of that department during the past year. He said one of the reasons for the consolidation with the Produce Exchange was the maintenance of a freight bureau and thus far every expectation

had been reasonably met. Mr. W. E. Worth explained that the removal to Norfolk of Capt. E. E. Winslow, in charge of the corps of U. S. Engineers here, was only tamporary and was really the result of a consolidation of 11 stations for the present in order to provide engineers for the Panama canal and other emergency work for the government.

Upon motion of Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, the newly-elected president was requested to appoint a committee in furtherance of the suggestion of the retiring president in regard to making Fort Fisher a National reservation. in favor of recommending to the Com-Enthusiastic addresses were made in missioners something that was clearly favor of the idea by several members. | illegal; it would establish a dangerous ernment would contain no elements of | Worth's motion by adding the proviso sectionalism was emphasized by Mr. that the appropriation be made if the J. A. Taylor and Capt. W. P. Oldham.

The newly elected president, upon such action would be legal. motion, was escorted to the chair by Messrs. R. H. Pickett and H. W. Mailoy. Mr. Taylor explained how his election was under his own protest, until they were enclosed, but he was but at the solicitation of many members, including Mesers. D. L. Gore, H. W. Malloy, G. J. Boney, J. H. Chad-bourn and H. G. Smallbones, he said out a president in an emergency, but attractive and worthy of the commu-

invention of gun-powder, and one of the most heroic struggles against over ministration, adjourned sine die.

Bearing upon the most heroic struggles against over ministration, adjourned sine die.

THE SALE CONFIRMED

Odd Fellows Become Permanent Owners of Third and Princess Street Property.

IMPROVE HOSPITAL GROUNDS.

New Hanover Board of Magistrates in Session Yesterday - Appropriation of \$500 for Commendable Purpose--Card from Managers.

The recent sale by the County Com-

missioners of a portion of the Old Court House property, at northwest corner of Third and Princess streets, to Cape Fear Lodge of Odd Fellows for \$4.250 was confirmed by the New Hanover Board of Magistrates in special, called session yesterday at noon. The action was unanimous, although there had been apparently well founded rumors the day before that the bid of the Odd Fellows would be raised. As soon as the deed is executed, which will likely be in a very short time, the money will be paid, and the Odd Fellows will at the earliest practicable moment begin the erection of a handsome new Temple upon the site. The city is to be congratulated that the property has fallen into the hands of such enterprising owners. The proceeds of the sale, as previously announced, will go toward a liquidation of the new Court House debt.

Chairman D. McEachern called the meeting to order yesterday and, and a roll call showed 57 out of 109 magistrates in the county present. Upon motion of Mr. J. D. Kelly, Mr. C. W. Worth was made permanent chairman and Deputy Register of Deeds John McLaurin was clerk ex officio.

By request of the chairman of the meeting, Chairman D. McEachern, of the Board of Commissioners, explained the reason for calling the magistrates together. He said the property sold fronted 66 feet on Princess and 80 feet on Third street. This leaves an alley way of about 15 feet at the east end of the old Court House building, which is retained by the county. Upon motion of Mr. D. J. Fergus, of Masonboro, and second by Mr. S. H. Fishblate, of Wilmington, the sale was confirmed unanimously, viva voce.

To Improve Hospital Grounds,

As the magistrates were about to adjourn, Mr. W. E. Worth was recognized by the chairman and made an appeal to the Board to appropriate \$500 to beautify the grounds of the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Mr. Worth explained that the present appropriations by the city and county were just enough to maintain the hospital in its running expenses and improvement of the grounds were absolutely necessary.

Mr. B. F. King seconded the appeal by Mr. Worth but chairman McEachern, of the Board of Commissioners, said he doubted if the magistrates or commissioners had a legal right to make an appropriation of the kind advocated by Mr. Worth.

Mr. C. W. Worth, presiding, said the question of law could be determined later. Mr. L. B Sasser said he doubted if \$500 would be sufficient to put the grounds in the condition they should

Capt. Jno. H. Hanby said he appreciated the spirit of the motion, but aside from the legal status of the case, taxes were already high enough. Mr. Walker Meares said it was en-

tirely a question of law and he knew the law would not allow the appropriation, however much the improvement was desired. He remembered the parallel case of the W. L. I, in which a special act of the Legislature only afforded relief.

Mr. W. E. Worth called attention to the fact that the Hospital was a charitable institution and upon that aspect of the case he thought the appropriation could be made. Capt. S. F. Craig inquired if the

county had the money to spare. Mr. McEachern replied that the amount now being paid by the county toward the maintenance of the hospital exceeded the levy. Col. Walker Taylor said the propo-

sition being illegal, the chairman could entertain a motion to adjourn without putting the question to a vote. Mr. McEachern said in any event the magistrates could only recommend an appropriation; they had no right to make one.

Mr. W. E. Worth made a motion that the Board of Magistrates recommend that \$500, or so much thereof as is necessary, be appropriated by the Commissioners and placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Hospital to be expended in beautifying the grounds. The motion was seconded by Mr. B. F. King. Mr. Walker Meares said he was no

Commissioners become satisfied that

Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., of the Board of Managers of the Hospital, said there was no need to beautify the grounds glad to say that several gentlemen had offered to subscribe individually toward a fund of \$1,000 for the enclosure and the \$500 could be expended very judiciously in making the place nity. It is necessary to have a garden or park where convalescents may go

Mr. Worth's motion, with Mr. Meares' The Chamber, after extending a amendment, was finally carried and the Bearing upon the matter, the STAR WHOLE NO. 11,139

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Special Notice.

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THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK,

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.. THE ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO.

was yesterday handed the following, which it publishes with pleasure.

Wilmington, N. C., May 7, 1903. The Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital have been desirous for some time of enclosing the grounds with a three-foot brick wall, with granite coping. The funds for this work have not been obtainable, as it takes all of the appropriations to keep the Hospital up to the standard of modern efficiency.

It will take \$1,000 to enclose the grounds so as to render possible the undertaking of the Hospital Circle of

the King's Daughters to beautify the enclosure. The difficulty of carrying out this important work has been patent to the Board for quite a while.
Inasmuch_as (\$200 of the amount have been subscribed, the Board felt it their duty to make the facts known to the public, with a view to inviting subscriptions to the fund. Any one wishing to subscribe can do so by writing to Dr. C. P. Bolles, Secretary of the James Walker Memorial Hospital Wilmington N.

pital, Wilmington, N. C.

Walter G. MacRae, chairman; Samuel Bear, Jr., M. S. Williard, C. P.
Bolles, W. H. Sprunt, W. J. H. Bellamy, M. D., D. C. Love, Geo. R. French and M. J. Corbett.

BIG SUIT IN PEDERAL COURT.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Gase

in Hearing Here June 15th. Judge Purnell, in the United States' Court yesterday, appointed June 15th as the date for the hearing in this city of the case of the Inter-State Commerce Commission against the C. & O. and about twenty-five other railroads, named in the complaint in a suit by which the Commission invokes the aid of the Federal Court in enforcing an order made by the Commission in the case against the railroads by the Wilmington Tariff Association. The Tariff Association about four years ago sued before the Commission for relief from alleged dis-

crimination in freight rates from the West. The Commission decided in favor of the Tariff Association but it was powerless to enforce its order. It called upon the Federal Court to execute its order and it is upon that ques-

Capt. MacRae Declines.

In response to a question by a reporter yesterday, Capt. Walter G. MacRae said he would emphatically decline the office of City Superintendent of Streets and Civil Engineer to which position he was elected by the Aldermen Wednesday night. Capt. MacRae said he had received no official notification of his election, but he would certainly refuse to accept. The announcement by Capt. MacRae will be received by the citizens generally with much regret.

tion that the hearing will be here in

Aldermen Meet To-night

Owing to the contemplated absence of Mayor Springer in attending a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Orphanage, in Raleigh Monday, the newly-elected Board of Aldermen yesterday decided to change the time for holding the special meeting for the election of firemen and policemen, from Monday night to this evening at 8 o'clock. Notice of the change was given members of the Board yesterday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

... Mr. Laurence McCallum, of Rowland, N. C., was a visitor to the city yesterday. -- The numerous friends of Mr.

U. C. Ellis will be glad to know that

he is able to resume his duties at his

studio, No. 114 Market street, after an illness of several days. - The little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cooper, who is so seriously ill with pneumonis, shows little sign of improvement, but many friends hope that when the crisis is reached to-day, the little fellow will be on the road to

rapid recovery.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 7, 1903.

Mr. Wm. B. Merrimon, General Agent

Ætna Life Insurance Co., Greensboro, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge
with many thanks the receipt of checks
for \$385.71 and \$25.00 from the Ætna
Life Insurance Co., through your office,
covering part payment of indemnity
for sickness and surgeon's fee for operation under my Health Policy. I appreciate the prompt action of your ation under my Health Policy. I appreciate the prompt action of your Company and your personal attention to my claim more that words can express, and it will afford me great pleasure to recommend the "old reliable Æina" to all my friends and the public, for Accident and Health insurance. I little thought when you induced me to insure against sickness that I would so soon realize the great necessity of this class of protection. necessity of this class of protection. Very truly yours, R. L. PREMPERT.

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Two additional cars have been put on the suburban line-one at 7:30 A. M., one at 9:00 P. M. Every one can enjoy a moonlight trolley ride to the Beach.

See other columns for full schedule and note that on Sundays the cars run every hour in the morning and every half hour in the after-

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my 82t fr su Chapel Hill, N. C.

Woodmen of the World. To the Officers and Members of Live

Esteemed Sovereigns: You are hereby notified to meet at wharf of the steamer Wilmington Sunday morning, May 10th, at 9:15 o'clock, for the purpose of attending unveiling of monument, erected at Southport N. C., in memory of our deceased Sovereign, J. M. O. Fisher.

Steamer Wilmington will leave her wharf at 9:30 sharp, returning, leave Southport at 4 P. M. Visiting Woodmen and the public are invited to attend these services.

A. H. WEEDON, Con. Com.

GEO. C. JACKSON, Clerk. my 8 1t

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER. The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, at a meeting duly on April 21st, 1903, have declared a dividend of capital stock of that company; dividend due the Treasurer, at Wilmington, N. C.; the trans-fer books to stand closed from april 30th to May

JAMES F. POST, Treasurer

VINEGAR.

42 1-2 Barrels Fleshman's Vinegar,

> 15 CENTS GALLON. W. B. COOPER.

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN,

I hereby notify the public that I have this day purchased the wrecked Schooner J. A. Buttrick and cargo, and all persons are hereby warned not to trade for any of the cargo or trespass on said wreck.

SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS.

Wilmington, N. C., April 6, 1903.

S. P. ADAMS, Civil Engineer.

Surveys, Plans, Estimates and Superintend-ence. Roads, Streets, Drainage and Ballways. Town Plats and Additions laid out, and Grade Systems established. Office over Chamber of Commerce building No. 4, Princess street, Wilmington, N. C. my 8 tf Carolina Yacht Club.

An important special meeting of the Club will be held at the Court House at 8:30 P. M. Monday, May 18th, to take action regarding the reserve fund and semi-centennial celebration. By order of Commodore. my 8 21 8th 17th

Special Conclave Of Plantagenet Commandery No. 1 will be seld Wednesday night, \$P. M.
By order of the E. C.
Work: Order of the Temple.
H; G. SMALLBONES,
Recorder.

NOTICE.

The copartnership of E. W. Pace and T. W. Pace, trading as E. W. Pace & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, E. W. Pace having purchased the entire interest of T. W. Pace and assumed all liabilities of the firm, and will continue to conduct said business at the same place under the name of E. W. Pace.

This ist day of May, 1903,

E. W. PACE.

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