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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Man murdered with an axe at his home at Max Meadows, Va. —— Train wreck on the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad near Kinston; one man killed —— Maj. W. H. Garlan, aged 84 years, died at the soldiers' home, Johnson City, Tenn. —— Safe of a manufacturing concern at Newry, S. C., robbed of $2,500 by burglars. —— More rioting has occurred at Mok-Pne, Corea. —— English cotton spinners propose a mass meeting to consider the situation. —— Cashier of the Yale national bank at New Haven, Conn., committed suicide; he had embezzled funds of the bank. —— Democrats won a victory in the municipal election in Boston, Mass. —— Until the Senate ratifies the new Panama treaty the administration will look to the natives to protect the isthmus. —— Fourteen-year old boy shot and killed near Atlanta by a companion while gunning. —— The Democratic senators in caucus passed a resolution that caucus action of the party hereafter should be binding. —— The Cuban decree was continued in the Senate yesterday; Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, spoke in behalf of the measure. —— The rural free delivery system and other matters were discussed in the House yesterday. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 5@6 per cent; cotton steady at 12.45c; flour was quiet and steady; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 81c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 53c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 41½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 15.

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

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 37 degrees; 8 P. M., 40 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.09.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer Thursday in western portion; fresh to northwest winds.

Port Almanac—December 16.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 h. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	6.25 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	8.55 P. M.

Senator Hanna believes in sawing Wood. Judging from the testimony of several witnesses before the Committee on Military affairs they saw Wood when he was carrying a high hand in Cuba.

We are hoping now and will ever have hope till the vote is counted next November, that there are no "speed recompenses" that the American people will see fit to award Broncho B. Roosevelt in the coming campaign.

Owing to a shortness of supplies the Mad Mullah's army has been killing and eating the prisoners they capture. When they are short on prisoners they dress up a few women and roast them according to the latest fashion. They are not served on fashion plates, however.

An election has been called in the republic of Panama for the purpose of choosing delegates to a constitutional convention. The convention will adopt a constitution and will probably ratify the Hay-Barilla treaty. It is said that all the new municipalities in Panama have warmly applauded the Junta's ratification of the treaty.

It was a bad idea to give that Colombian colonel $8,000 in gold to take his troops away so the Panama recession couldn't fall down on them. Other officers with a handful of men are liable to come over on the canal zone under the belief that there is more gold where that came from.

The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was in Rome on Saturday and called on Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of State, who, as a special courtesy, arranged an audience with the Pope. Mr. Bryan had a cordial reception by the Pope and left Sunday night for St. Petersburg. Mr. Bryan doubtless appreciated the fine silver service at the Vatican.

Miss Blanch Boise, a Kansas girl, is to be a jail bird. On Saturday at Topeka, the Supreme Court upheld the sentence imposed by the Shawnee county district court, committing her to 30 days in jail for smashing the plate glass fronts of seven Topeka booze studios. She is a disciple of Carrie Nation, and probably is one of the Boise that fear no noise.

While in Rome a few days ago, William J. Bryan took in the interesting sights of that ancient city, including the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. He took particular interest in the spot from which Cicero thundered his invectives and hurled reproach at Cataline. While communing with the spirit of Cicero, Mr. Bryan doubtless could not help thinking that the spirit of Cataline had descended upon many men in his own republic.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Cotton receipts yesterday were 2,384 bales against 2,633 same day last year.

— British steamer "Gadsby," hence from Bremen, arrived at Isle of Wight Monday.

— A party from the U. S. Engineers' office will go down on the government steamer "Mercur" this morning to survey the Cape Fear bar.

— The schooner "Jno. Russell," New York to Beaufort, which put in here Monday, leaking, is consigned to O. D. Maffitt and will go on the marine railway at Skinner's to-day.

— Property owners on Market street are advocating a removal of the plaza on that thoroughfare between Front and Second streets, and paving the vacancy with Belgian blocks.

— Announcement was made yesterday of the marriage of Mr. Grover C. Bordeaux, son of Mrs. Lizzie Bordeaux, of Charlotte, and Miss Julia T. Hand, daughter of Mrs. Laura E. Hand, of Wilmington.

— St. James' vestry met last night and elected Capt. T. D. Meares, senior warden, and Mr. J. V. Grainger, junior warden. The vestry of St. John's Episcopal parish was elected last night and will organize later.

— Owing to the expected rush of express shipments during the holidays an extra service has been put on trains 50 and 51, between Wilmington and Florence. Heretofore express has not been handled on those trains between the points named.

— The British barquentine "Hillside," which came into port in distress, reported to Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Sons, and is still receiving estimates on cost of temporary repair, subject to orders from the owners in Nova Scotia.

— Judge Ferguson, who will hold the next term of court here in January, is now presiding over the Superior Court in Wilson and yesterday reduced the bail of the four men charged with complicity in the murder of an insurance agent there from $5,000 to $3,000.

— The Christmas shopping public is asked not to forget that the annual sale of dolls and fancy goods by St. Agnes' Guild of St. James' parish will begin this morning at 11:30 o'clock in the store lately occupied by R. C. DeRosset, 107 Market street.

— Ammie Carter, colored, was arrested by Constable Savage yesterday at Hilton mill and placed in jail to await trial before Justice Fowler at noon to-day upon a charge of seduction preferred by Mary Larkins, 1012 North Fifth street.

— The Poultry Show continued to draw the crowds yesterday and all were well pleased with the exhibits. The judging will be completed to-day and in the lingo of the fakir, "Now's the last chance to pay a visit to the chicken fair." Doors open at 10 A. M. and close at 10 P. M.

— In another column of to-day's paper, Chairman P. Q. Moore, of the Fire Committee, advertises for bids on 1,000 feet of hose for the Fire Department and the service of a fire tug according to contract in the hands of the City Clerk and Treasurer. For particulars see official advertisements elsewhere in to-day's paper.

CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY.

Christmas Vacation Begins To-day Week. Appropriate Exercises Friday.

The public schools of the city will close for the holidays on Wednesday before Christmas and will not reopen for the Spring term until the Monday following New Year's, Jan. 3rd. On Friday of this week "North Carolina Day" will be observed in the schools and much of the remainder of the present term will be devoted to examinations. The schools have enjoyed a highly successful Fall term and the prospect is for still greater achievements after the holidays until the commencement period.

Hadn't Seen Her in Six Months.

Jake Green, colored, when arraigned upon a charge of abandonment in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, admitted that he hadn't seen his wife, Anna Green, in six months and said he thought she was able to take care of herself. The law touching abandonment as interpreted by Justice Fowler, didn't support Green's conception of marital obligations, so he went back to jail for the higher court in default of $100 bond.

Will Present Portrait.

Prof. E. C. Herring, formerly principal of Greenville Sound public school but now a promising law student at the University, has written to County Superintendent Catlett signifying his purpose to present to his former students a handsome portrait of the lamented Senator Vance. The picture will be enclosed in a handsome frame and hung in the school room.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

City—Sealed proposals.
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A. D. Brown—Xmas suggestions.
S W. Sanders—Live turkeys wanted.
M. H. Curran—Suit for the holidays.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fruits, candies.
Academy of Music—"Little Minister."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

House and Lot—For sale.
Young Man—Position wanted.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—Drop light.
J. B. Farrar—Machines repaired.
E. Warren & Son—Florida oranges.

THE FERRY QUESTION

Should the Commissioners Adopt Joint Committee's Plan for Blossom Purchase?

MUCH DISCUSSED YESTERDAY

Something of the Powers Held in the Franchise — The Building of the Bridge Deemed Impracticable. Board of Magistrates.

The joint purchase of the Blossom ferry at Castle Haynes by the counties of New Hanover and Pender at a cost of $6,250 and the establishment of free ferriage over Northeast river at that point, was very generally discussed on the streets yesterday, the announcement that the committees would recommend that action to their respective boards subject to an examination of franchise title, etc. by competent attorneys, having been made in the morning papers. It was stated yesterday that the matter need not necessarily be referred to the Board of Magistrates, the latter body having only in its province the recommendation of a sale instead of a purchase of county property, though the officials here saw no objection to the matter's taking that course, if it was deemed advisable to have the magistrates pass upon the question. In fact, the lifting of the burden of responsibility by that course appeared rather inviting to the commissioners.

"Is the price of $6,250 for the ferry and franchise excessive and what constitutes the franchise and what is the property included?" "Would it not be cheaper to build a bridge or a new ferry out and out?" Those were a few of the questions asked on the streets yesterday in connection with the purchase, all of which were duly investigated and considered by the joint committee before mking its recommendation. The powers of the franchise, subject to confirmation from a legal standpoint, were found by the committee to be these: Mr. Blossom has the exclusive privilege to operate a ferry over the river for three miles each way. No one else would be permitted, according to his charter, to build a bridge or construct a ferry within three miles of the present one. The property includes a cable and all necessary flats for transporting vehicles, etc., across the river and according to plans of present purchase, would include two acres of land in New Hanover and one in Pender county. The committee also found that, based on present revenue of the owner, the ferry now yields a 6 per cent. interest upon a hypothetical investment of about $9,000, whereas it can be purchased for $6 250 and maintained at a cost of about $250 per year to each county. It is stated further that it would cost the counties more than $6,250 to build roads to a new ferry the three miles necessary to go outside the limits covered by Mr. Blossom's charter, to say nothing of the cost it would entail upon the travelling public in going the additional distance.

A careful estimate from an undoubted authority as to the cost of an iron bridge over the stream, with necessary abutments, piers, etc., is $35,990.

RAN INTO CITY ENGINEER.

Negro Fined by Mayor for Reckless Driving—Municipal Court Yesterday.

In the mayor's court yesterday Ben Davis, colored, was charged with reckless driving. Monday afternoon City Engineer Adams had one of his instruments set up on Market street and was sighting through the lense to get the grade for the paving. While the engineer was oblivious to his immediate surroundings and had his mind concentrated on the imaginary line through the instrument, along came the negro in a buggy, running into the surveyor's outfit and throwing the instrument to the ground. The negro explained yesterday that his action was entirely unintentional and he was let off with the costs.

The other cases disposed of yesterday were Willy Masingo, drunkenness; fined $10 and costs, and Ever McIver, colored, disorderly conduct, $4 and costs.

CAPE FEAR GOLF CLUB.

Annual Election of Officers Last Night at The Orton.

The annual meeting of the Cape Fear Golf Club was held last night in the parlors of The Orton. After the transaction of routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—A. S. Williams.
Vice President—Donald MacRae.
Secretary—Geo. W. Brunson, Jr.
Treasurer—Frank L. Huggins.
Captain of Green—J. J. Blair.
Governing Board—A. S. Williams, Donald MacRae, Geo. W. Brunson, Jr., F. L. Huggins, J. J. Blair, R. H. Gwaltney and R. D. W. Connor.

Audit and Finance Board

The Board of Audit and Finance transacted only routine business at its regular meeting last night. All members were present except Mr. C. W. Yates. The usual bills for current expenses were audited and approved. Ten interest coupons amounting to $250, which had been paid, were burned by the Board. Bonds of J. A. Springer & Co., and the Independent Ice Co., contractors for furnishing the city with coal and ice respectively, were approved in the sum of $500 each. The paving and heating plant bonds didn't come up for consideration.

WILMINGTON POSTOFFICE.

Conference of Leaders in Washington Monday—Compromise Suggested in Favor of Mrs. D. L. Russell.

The North Carolina papers regularly represented by correspondents at the National capital printed an interesting story from Washington yesterday in which it was stated that ex-Governor Russell, ex-Senator Marion Butler and ex-Judge Robinson had been in close conference there over the Wilmington postmastership and that it is not unlikely that Mrs. D. L. Russell, wife of the ex-governor, will land the office as a compromise in the fight between friends of the present incumbent and Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace, both of whom are aspirants for the place. State Republican Chairman Rollins is said to have pointed to that way out of the difficulty. Chairman Rollins found it impossible to leave Asheville at present, but he telegraphed the conference that Mrs. Russell would not permit the consideration of her name save at the request of Miss Darby and it is said that Gov. Russell assented to that explanation of the situation. Miss Darby, it is said, is being strenuously opposed on the ground that neither she nor any of her relatives have ever evinced Republican proclivitie.

The suggestion has been made that friends of Mrs. Russell might have trouble in establishing the fact of her residence in Wilmington, as the Russell home is two miles from the city limits, and departmental regulations are rigid in this respect. On the other hand it is stated that Mrs. Russell is necessarily a patron of the office, as there is no branch office in the vicinity. The contest will in all probability be disposed of during the first week in January.

Friends of Mr. T. E. Wallace at the capitol say they know nothing of the suggested compromise in favor of Mrs. Russell.

BE CONSIDERATE OF EXPRESSMEN.

Their Labors are Arduous During the Holidays—Open Branch Office.

In order to expedite the delivery of Christmas packages the Southern Express Company will open its branch office on Princess street, in the rooms formerly occupied by the Postal Telegraph Co., at noon on Saturday. Only inward business will be handled there and the packages distributed from that point. Shipments from Wilmington will go through the Chesnut street main office as usual. Capt. Jno. R. Williams, the genial agent of the company in Wilmington, advises against putting off until the last minute what can be done now in the way of making Christmas shipments. He also begs the public to be considerate of the overworked Express people during the holidays; to mark their packages plainly; tie their packages securely and not delegate those things to the expressman. He has no time to attend to such matters and personal attention guarantees safe delivery.

THE DEMENTED REESE WOMAN

Commission of Lunacy Will Inquire into Her Sanity To-day.

Justice Fowler deemed it inexpedient yesterday to again attempt to try Mrs. Mary Reese, who created a scene in his court when she was arraigned on a charge of forcible trespass and assault Monday afternoon. The woman is evidently demented, and yesterday at the residence of her husband a commission of lunacy was ordered by the clerk of the Superior Court to inquire into her case at 3 o'clock this afternoon. She continues to pray loudly and incessantly and nothing seems to quiet her except sheer exhaustion and the natural desire for sleep. The stove the woman removed in Blount's alley, constituting the forcible trespass, was hot at the time and dinner was being prepared for the family. How she removed it to the sidewalk is a mystery to the authorities. The husband has had trouble with her before.

TOO MUCH NOTORIETY.

Will Examine Negro Crazy on Subject of People Talking About Him.

Joe Hill, the young negro driven to distraction because of his imagination that people are talking about him, was turned over to the county authorities by the police yesterday and the Clerk of the Superior Court will examine into his sanity to-day.

The negro's affliction is peculiar and it appears that Chief of Police Furlong and Dr. Thomas are not the only ones who have been annoyed by his appeals for relief from his traducers. Some time ago Maj. Wm. F. Robertson received through the mail a letter addressed simply "415 Princess street, City." In it the negro avers that all the talk is by white people and that he is a "good, hard-working boy;" that they accuse him of drinking whiskey and it will cause trouble in the city if it doesn't stop."

W. L. I. Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry took place Monday night as follows: President, Jno. B. Peschau; Vice President, Thos. R. Orrell; Secretary and Treasurer, R. N. Nash; Finance and Armory Committee, Capt. A. P. Adrian, Messrs. Louis E. Hall and George Davis.

There will be services at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison Bank building, at 8 o'clock this evening.

STOP EVIL PRACTICE.

Chamber of Commerce Condemns and Will Remedy Adulteration of Spirits.

THE MEETING YESTERDAY.

Committee Appointed to Formulate System of Rigid Inspection and Put Same into Effect Early as Possible—Law on Subject.

The adulteration of spirits of turpentine received in Wilmington and the prescription of a remedy therefor, subjects which of late have been very generally discussed in the public prints, were matters which engaged the attention of a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, a call for the meeting having been promulgated and signed by prominent naval store dealers at the port as follows: Messrs. Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated, Paterson Downing & Co., D. McEachern, S. P. McNair and McNair & Pearsall. After some discussion in which unanimous emphasis was laid upon the fact that steps should be taken to eliminate the cause for complaint which recently emanated from New York to the detriment of the trade here, a committee was appointed to formulate a plan for a rigid inspection of all spirits received, by a competent man and to devise any other means to put a stop to the adulteration that may be deemed advisable.

The meeting was called to order by President J. A. Taylor and the following representing very largely the naval store interests of the port, were in attendance: Messrs. H. C. McQueen, of Murchison & Co.; H. K. Nash, of Paterson, Downing & Co.; Matt J. Heyer, of the S. P. Shotter Co.; B. F. Hall, of Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated; W. L. Smith, of McNair & Pearsall; C. H. Robinson, of Robinson & King; Jesse Wilder, of the Geo. L. Morton Co; C. W. Worth, of The Worth Company; D. McEachern, of The D. McEachern Co.; S. P. McNair; Capt. John T. Rankin; T. D. Love; G. J. Boney; W. R. Barksdale, of the Standard Oil Co.; Geo. R. French and Capt. W. P. Oldham. Secretary James Kyle read the call for the meeting and President Taylor asked Mr. Nash to state the object of the meeting which he did very concisely, later introducing the following resolution:

MR. NASH'S REMEDY.

"Recognizing the fact that some of the manufacturers of spirits turpentine have been using kerosene oil as an adulterant and feeling that some action should be taken by this Chamber to stop said practice, be it,

"*Resolved*, That each receiver of spirits turpentine on this market agree that he will have each barrel coming to him carefully examined, and if he finds, in his opinion, that it has been adulterated, he will report same to a committee appointed at this meeting, and if this committee reports same as adulterated, the name of the shipper shall be given each receiver, who shall agree that such adulterated spirits shall be shipped back to the shipper and name of party adulterating shall be given the Northern commission merchants."

THE DISCUSSION ENSUES.

Mr. Robinson referred to an act by the last Legislature which provides a heavy fine and imprisonment as a penalty for adulteration of spirits, but he understood that the act, while it had been introduced, had not become law; Mr. McEachern had informed him so.

Mr. Wilder said, at the request of Col. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, he drew a petition to the Legislature for the passage of such an act, and that the petition was signed by 18 distillers. The law was printed in copies of the acts of the Legislature, and is in force and effect.

Mr. C. W. Worth said that Mr. Nash's resolution presumed that adulteration of spirits could be easily detected, whereas the presence of foreign substance was exceedingly difficult to find. Mr. Nash replied that adulteration was easily detected.

Many members expressed their willingness to make a concerted effort to prosecute all violators of the law and Mr. Robinson said the law applied to receiver, as well as to manufacturers—any one who offered the adulterated product for sale. He tried to stop the practice in '98 when the Rules of Trade were amended as published, but dealers signed a request to repeal the changes. He was of the opinion that about 33⅓ per cent. of the spirits coming to Wilmington is adulterated. Mr. McEachern was one of the receivers who signed the petition to repeal the change in '98, but he said he did so because the change confiscated the property offered for sale. Mr. W. L. Smith objected to the resolution of Mr. Nash because it would accomplish nothing and would result in loss of freight charges to the receiver. Capt. Oldham, Mr. McQueen, Mr. McNair, Mr. Boney and others discussed the question. Mr. Barksdale said kerosene oil was not the only adulterant used and every petroleum product should be included in any prohibitory measure. The Standard Oil Co. was a large buyer of spirits and it is not given to selling oil at 12c and buying it back at 56c.

Mr. Worth advocated a system of rigid inspection and the reference of the whole matter to a committee of three receivers of spirits to formulate a plan for putting the inspection into effect. Mr. Nash withdrew his resolution, and a motion as suggested by Mr. Worth was made and unanimously carried. The president appointed on that committee Messrs. C. W. Worth, B. F. Hall and H. K. Nash, who were requested to act at once and report their plan in detail to the Chamber at their earliest convenience.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. P. Gatling, of Hallsboro, is at The Orton.

— Mr. B. A. Stone, of Greensboro, is at The Orton.

— Mr. R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, is at The Orton.

— Capt. E. G. Parmele returned last night from Charleston, S. C.

— Mr. H. P. Springer, of Washington, D. C., is here on a brief visit.

— Dr. J. P. Brown and little son, of Ashpole, are in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. and and Mrs. O. M. Filyaw went to Warsaw yesterday to spend a short time.

— Mr. J. W. Partridge, of the S. A. L. at Charlotte, has been transferred to Wilmington.

— Messrs. W. Dargan and B. D. Dargan, of Darlington, S. C., arrived last night from the South.

— Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Jr., and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod, of Lumberton, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. Willie Betts has resigned his position with the Wilmington Baking Co. and will return to Raleigh.

— Mr. J. Sam Wright and Mr. E. B. Wright and wife, of Boardman, were guests yesterday at The Orton.

— Mr. J. B. Farrar, who has been on a business trip to the eastern part of the State, has returned to the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Bolles and little daughter, Nellie, are expected this morning to spend the Winter and will reside on Orange, between Fourth and Fifth streets. Mr. Bolles is the Standard Oil Co.'s representatives at Hong Kong, China, and has been granted a five-months leave of absence.

"THE LITTLE MINISTER" TO-NIGHT.

Maude Adams' Great Success Will be Presented at Academy This Evening.

The Harris-Parkinson Company again delighted a large audience at the Academy last night, presenting a play of Southern life entitled "In Sunny Tennessee." Special scenery of an elaborate nature was used in the production.

To-night Maude Adam's brilliant success, "The Little Minister," will be presented and the performance will, no doubt, be witnessed by a large audience. The Harris-Parkinson Company is the only popular price attraction presenting this great success. Seats for this performance are now on sale at Plummer's.

WRECK AT SILER CITY.

Wilmington Train Delayed in Consequence of Southern Wreck on A. & Y.

On account of a freight wreck on the yards at Siler City, on the Southern's division of the A. & Y. railroad, and the consequent blocking of the track thereby, the Fayetteville train due here at 7:40 o'clock last night, did not arrive until near 1 o'clock this morning. Several cars of the freight laden with coal and granite tumbled into a trestle on the Siler City yards, necessitating the transfer of mail and passengers. As the Southern and Coast Line use the same train to Mt. Airy and only transfer crews at Sanford, the Wilmington schedule was interrupted to the extent named.

MRS. J. F. RULFS, SR., DEAD.

Passed Away Early This Morning After Illness With Pneumonia—Funeral.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. J. F. Rulfs, Sr., who passed away at 1 o'clock this morning at the family residence at Fourth and Walnut streets, after an illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Rulfs is survived by her husband, one son, Mr. J. F. Rulfs, Jr., of the firm of Peterson & Rulfs; and Mrs. B. F. Keith, wife of Collector of Customs Keith. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

An Approaching Wedding

Announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Callie Bronson and Mr. Thomas A. Wortham, both of this city, on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, 419 Grace street. The young couple expects to leave on the 9:30 A. M. train, same day, for a ten days' visit to Mr. Wortham's old home near Durham, N. C. Mr. Wortham is one of the popular baggage masters of the Atlantic Coast Line, on the run between Wilmington and Charleston, and will receive many congratulations upon the announcement of his approaching marriage.

To Receive Their Pastor.

The N. N. S. Society of Fifth Street M. E. church will hold an important meeting in the lecture room to-night at 8 o'clock and a full attendance of members is urged. Preparations will be made for a reception to the new pastor of the congregation, Rev. Alpheus McCullen, of Oxford.

They Came to Wilmington.

Lumberton *Robesonian*: "Monday night about 12 o'clock, Mr. McLean Burney and Miss Mollie Lee, both of Tar Heel, arrived at the Hotel Columbia and as soon as a license and magistrate could be secured they were made man and wife. Mr. I. B. Townsend was roused from his slumbers to perform the ceremony. The happy young couple left the following morning for Wilmington."

Rev. J. B. Shelton Coming.

Rev. J. B. Shelton, of Chester, S. C., will arrive this morning and preach at the First Baptist church to-night in the main auditorium at 8 o'clock. All members of the congregation and others are cordially invited to be present.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received at the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer at the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until December 29th, at 11 A. M., at which time all bids will be opened.

The proposals above referred to shall be for furnishing the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington with one thousand feet of cotton Fire Hose; said hose shall be gum and wax treated and rubber lined, and shall be 2½ inches, internal diameter and in length fifty feet each.

Said hose shall be coupled complete with Wilmington Fire Department Standard Couplings, same thread as now used, pattern of which can be obtained by application to the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington. Said hose shall be delivered F. O. B. Wilmington, N. C. The hose shall be capable of withstanding the pressure of four hundred pounds to the square inch when delivered and must be guaranteed not to fail in efficiency within five years after date of purchase.

All bids shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington, N. C., care of the City Clerk and Treasurer, and shall be endorsed thereon with the name of the bidder and the address of same.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

P. Q. MOORE,
Chairman of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington. dec 16 3t

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Will be received at the City Clerk and Treasurer's office in the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until 11 A. M. December 29th, for the purpose of furnishing and equipping a Fire Boat to be used by the City of Wilmington. All bids must conform strictly to the terms and conditions set forth in the contract approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington on December 6th, 1903; a copy of which may be seen by application to the City Clerk and Treasurer. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. All bids must be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington and deposited in the City Clerk and Treasurer's office before 11 A. M. December 29th, and must have endorsed thereon the name of the bidder and the address of same.

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