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OUTLINES.

The total number of dead in the Chicago theatre was 10. Violent break in prices of stocks in New York is ascribed to the war situation in the Far East. An investigation of the accuracy of the Interstate Commerce Commission is being made by Treasury experts. Russia has decided not to accept Japan's peace proposals. Every theatre in the city of Chicago is closed, and will not be opened until every section of the ordinance regulating day houses is complied with. Gen. James Longstreet, C. B. A., died yesterday at Gainesville, Ga. A Pekin dispatch says among the best informed diplomats there was in Maryland was shot at a date near Maryland, N. O., by John Gans and died yesterday. The Countess of Esterhazy is the defendant in a damage suit for \$10,000, by Mrs. L. de la Deigne, of Washington, D. C. The New England coast was storm swept last night. In New York city a severe storm prevailed, with heavy fall of snow. Fire at Wilson, N. C., early this morning caused an estimated \$125,000. Pacific in the Tula theatre in New York city last night; a stampede was narrowly averted by the police.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 3.
Metecological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 46 degrees; 9 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 66 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .00 inches.
Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Friday 3.8 feet.
STORM WARNING.
Southeast storm signals were displayed at 10 A. M. today. The storm was then central over the Ohio valley, moving northeast.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—For North Carolina: Clearing and much colder Sunday; cold wave, Monday fast; cold and brisk to high northwest winds.

If there is war between Japan and Russia China will aid Japan by furnishing the tom-toms and the stink-pots.

The boll-weep has inflicted much damage on cotton; but the boll-weep has proved a terror to the speculators known as "shorts."

Panama has had an election and will proceed now to organize a national government, we are told. "An ounce of civet, good apothecary?"

We don't understand how Edward can "recognize" so small a speck on the map as the "infant" republic. It is a good long jump from England to Panama.

THE MORNING STAR congratulates the Charlotte Observer on the splendid exhibit it makes of its business, in all departments, during the year 1903.

A woman is reported in Iowa whose spleen has been removed and yet is alive and well. Make her mad and she will be mighty apt to show some spleen.

"Who would be free himself must strike the blow." Let the people of Wilmington keep this always in mind while demanding justice at the hands of the Seaboard Air Line.

A telegram from Roanoke, Va., says: "The Anti-Saloon League met its Waterloo here to day, Roanoke going wet by 982 majority." Looks more like they met their Whiskey.

"Hon. D. B. Hill has been selected as orator for the annual banquet of the Albany Undertakers' Association." His acceptance of that invitation shows that the pungent paragraphs have no terrors for David B.

Emperor Mendik will present President Roosevelt with two lions and a pair of elephant tusks. We don't know what Teddy will do with the tusks, but the lions will be mighty handy when he is pestered too much with office-seekers.

Commenting on the Seaboard Air Line changes that are now matters of history, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot remarks, as a conclusion of the whole matter: "In passing, however, it may be worthy of note that the forecast of the change in the presidency made by the newspapers weeks ago was 'authoritatively' denied, and each reiteration met with similar denial. We throw the suggestion out for what it is worth, but it would really seem that the newspapers get a little closer to the truth and stick about it as close to it as anybody else."

Special rates for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 30 per cent discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Hat Cases. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 118 Market street.

GEN. LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Editor H. A. London, of Pittboro, to Deliver the Address at the Celebration Here on January 19th.

Preparations are now under way by Cape Fear Camp, No. 284, U. C. V., Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and George Davis Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for the celebration of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday, in Wilmington, January 19th. All three organizations have appointed committees and they are now preparing the programme.

Captain T. D. Meares is the chairman of the Veterans' committee, and he informs us that Hon. H. A. London, a prominent lawyer and editor of the *Chatham Record*, Pittboro, N. C., has accepted the invitation to deliver the address on the occasion. Col. John D. Taylor has accepted the invitation of the ladies to present the Crosses of Honor to the old soldiers.

The celebration is to be made a particularly interesting event.

LOCAL DOTS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular monthly session to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

At 12:38 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sent in from box 35. There was a slight blaze on Water street, but no damage was done.

There will be a special convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., to-morrow night at 8 o'clock for work in the Pastmaster's Degree.

Mr. W. E. Glenn, contractor for laying the drain pipe on Market street, from Fourth to Second, has a large force of hands at work and is making rapid progress.

Mr. W. J. Reeves has purchased a \$10,000 interest in the Wilmington Iron Works and becomes vice president and manager. Mr. E. P. Bailey is still the president.

The British steamer "Capra" on her way to sea yesterday morning ran aground just inside the bar. She floated at high tide and proceeded on her voyage, having received no injury.

There will be services at the Seaman's Bethel this afternoon at 8 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. M. E. Watson, pastor of Grace M. E. Church. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. M. A. Buie, manufacturer of lumber, Red Springs, N. C., sends the STAB a lovely calendar for 1904. That girl with the chrysanthemum in her hair is a "beaut," Brother Buie. Thank.

Yesterday evening at 6 o'clock one of the suburban cars ran into a trolley car at Third and Princess streets. The trolley was dented a little and one of the conductors was slightly hurt.

The schooner "Helen G. Mosely," Captain Gray, cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of 295,849 feet of lumber. The cargo was by the Anglo Lumber Co., and the vessel by C. D. Moffit.

The new quartered oak circular seats have been placed in Brooklyn Baptist Church and will be used for the first time at the services to-day. They add greatly to the appearance of the church.

The Christmas tree entertainment of the Second Advent Church will be given at the church next Wednesday night. There will be a nice programme of recitations and dialogues, and the affair will close with an interesting stereopticon exhibition.

Arrested on charge of stealing a horse, Jim Judge, who was in jail up to a few days ago under a peace bond, was again arrested last night about 9 o'clock. This time he was taken in on the suspicion of stealing a horse.

Mr. Joe Rodderick, who is a watchman on the wharf and is a special policeman, saw Judge go into Mr. S. Seigle's stable, near Robinson and King's office, and watched him come out with a horse which had been bridled. Mr. Rodderick thereupon arrested Judge.

Judge denies that he was stealing the horse and says it was following him.

The Weather Bureau yesterday afternoon sent out the following bulletin: Cold wave; temperature will fall tonight to thirty degrees by Sunday night.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Yarborough & Murray—Card.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Stock taking.
Stone & Co.—How 1904 finds us.
Sam'l Bear, Sr. & Sons—For sale.
Business—Meeting Concord Chapter, Stockholders National Bank—Meow's O. W. Polvogt Co.—Leading store.
Tobacco Warehouse Co.—Meeting.
J. W. Marchant & Co.—An inviolate's BUSINESS LOCALS.

Furnished Rooms—For rent.
O. E. L. & P. Co.—Rests relief.
Sisters in Distress—Speedy relief.
Miss Leonard—Dancing.
Wanted—Manager for branch office.

The Mount Olive New Hotel, (Hotel Orléans) will open Jan. 3rd, 1904. Hotel strictly modern. Rates \$2.00 per day, special rates by the week.
L. A. FRANKLIN, Man. & Prop.

WILMINGTON IN 1903.

Large Increase in the Commerce, Trade and Banking Business of the City.

BANK CLEARINGS \$10,000,000.

Deposits in the Five Banks Aggregate \$4,727,498, including \$1,754,052 in the Three Savings Banks—A Big Lumber Business.

During the year just ended Wilmington has enjoyed the greatest prosperity in its history. The commerce of the port has increased fully 25 per cent, the shipping interest maintains its increase of the past few years, and the wholesale and retail mercantile business has increased fully 25 per cent. The industries of the city have thrived in the prosperity of the year, and during the year at least \$300,000 has been invested in business, new industries and new corporations. The banks have done the largest business in the history of the city, the clearings for the year having been \$10,000,000 or more. A prominent banker said yesterday that the clearances greatly exceed those of the previous year, a palpable evidence of the great increase of Wilmington's business in 1903. The present capital of the banks is, including surplus, \$914,008, and their total footings are \$5,988,917.

The deposits at the present time are \$4,727,498 and their loans and discounts aggregate \$3,937,728. The savings banks of the city contain deposits of \$1,754,052, which fact indicates the thrift of the working people of Wilmington in a most marked degree. The cotton mills have done as satisfactory a business as the depressed condition of that branch of the manufacturing interest warrant, but in no period of the history of Wilmington have the lumber interests been on so large a scale and in such a prosperous condition. The lumber manufacturers here do a business of \$1,000,000 and telegraph and telephone poles to the value of \$100,000 and cross-ties to the value of \$150,000 have been shipped from this port.

During the year the seaside resorts here have been visited by 150,000 people and the street car line in the city has handled 1,350,000 passengers. All railroads entering Wilmington have largely increased their freight and passenger traffic, which is a conspicuous evidence of Wilmington's growth and progress.

Wilmington has become the fifth cotton port in the United States, the receipts here since September 1st having been 271,870 bales. The exports of cotton, naval stores and lumber during the year just ended have exceeded in value \$30,000,000, the specific value of these items being \$19,701,909 for cotton exported; \$117,094 for naval stores, and \$168,506 for lumber. During the year the exports of cotton were 545,938 bales.

During the year the arrival of shipping has been 305 vessels, including 151 steamships, and 154 ships of all other classes.

The population of Wilmington has steadily increased, and one gratifying reflex of improved conditions may be emphasized. That is that five years ago the colored population composed two-thirds of the inhabitants, while now there is a majority of whites. Thus we observe that the negro handicap of "non-producers but consumers" has given way to the more intelligent, enterprising, provident and thrifty white man, and altogether the future of Wilmington has a wide horizon of opportunity and glowing promise.

Death of a Good Woman.
We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Virginia D. Davis, widow of the late George W. W. Davis. She died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at her home, 330 Centre street. She had been an invalid for years.

The deceased was aged 59 years, 3 months and 19 days, and in her death a patient, good woman has gone to her reward. She leaves two children, Mrs. J. P. Canten and Mr. John H. Davis. She was a member of Fifth Street M. E. church. Mrs. Elizabeth Savage was her sister.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Fifth Street M. E. church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Fancy Ball on Tap.
Miss Leonard Cantwell will soon give her dancing school a fancy ball, and it promises to be a most charming and interesting event. Many new, novel and fancy features will be introduced, and practice for the ball is now going on. The occasion will be anticipated with the keenest pleasure.

The mid-winter session of Miss Cantwell's dancing classes will open to-morrow afternoon at 8:30 o'clock for the afternoon class and at 8:30 P. M. for the night class.

Killed Deer and Turkeys.
On Wednesday morning Messrs. George Schindler and J. F. Christian went up to Morrison's Creek on a hunting expedition and killed four deer and a lot of birds while in the country. They stayed at the house of Mr. Bill Futch and returned home Friday morning. Two of the deer were sold on the market and the other two were given to friends in the city.

Mr. A. E. Holmes returned on Friday from a hunting expedition. He killed two wild turkeys and several ducks.

The British steamer "Armenia" passed over the bar and out to sea yesterday at 10:40 A. M.

N. C. CORPORATION COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Showing the Acreage and Value of Taxable Lands and Other Properties in State—Other Important Matters.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission issue their annual report as a State tax commission, which shows among numerous other important items that 27,783,894 acres of land are valued at \$4.85 per acre; Grant land at \$18.43 valuation per acre and Date land with only 92 cents.

The towns showing largest real and personal property valuation are Asheville, \$5,199,519; Charlotte, \$3,949,601; Salisbury, \$2,169,708; Greensboro, \$2,865,597; Durham, \$9,383,648; Raleigh, \$5,818,494; Wilmington, \$3,171,190. Solvent credits in the State amount to \$28,456,156. Forty-five insolvent with \$1,555,083; Dora least with \$5,507. Counties showing largest indebtedness are Asheville, \$1,000,000; Charlotte, \$605,000; Greensboro, \$483,749; Wilmington, \$623,000. Tax rates, including municipal, State, county, school and special taxes, as follows: Asheville, \$2.69; Wilmington, \$3.48; Greensboro, \$3.09; Raleigh, \$3.55; Salisbury, \$1.86.

The total amount of taxes levied in North Carolina for 1903, county, school and municipal, was \$738,445.74. This was on total property valuation, etc., amounting to \$946,579,923. The report as Corporation Commission shows that during the year only 69.99 miles of railroad were constructed and put into operation, the total at the end of the year being 3,780.88 miles in operation. Net earnings were greater than ever before. Gross earnings amounted to \$18,810,318, and operating expenses \$13,136,977. There are 14,663 men employed against 11,401 for the previous year.

During the year 191 persons were killed and 1,837 injured; against 87 killed and 1,069 injured during the year previous. Of those killed this year five were passengers, 43 employees, 61 on the street car line, and 53 on the street car line.

There were 988 complaints made to the commission during 1903 the greater part being settled by correspondence and a few by trial.

The commission reports that there are now 155 banks in the State, against 130 last year, the present total resources being \$24,338,282. There are 38 building and loan associations operating in the State with assets aggregating \$2,231,507.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. SHARP.

This Capable Gentleman Retired from the Treasurership of the Seaboard Air Line.

Elsewhere in THE STAR this morning we publish a Norfolk special to the Richmond Times Dispatch, in which it will be seen that Captain John H. Sharp, formerly of Wilmington, has been retired as treasurer of the Seaboard Air Line.

Everybody in this and other Southern States who know Mr. Sharp will regret that the recent evolution in the Seaboard management has brought about a situation that makes it necessary for him to be retired from his position. Captain Sharp is well known and highly esteemed throughout North Carolina, and his eminent ability, thoroughgoing integrity and lofty character are recognized by men in every State through which the Seaboard Air Line system extends.

It is particularly gratifying to Captain Sharp's friends to observe that Mr. Barr, the able president of the system, has paid a high and pre-eminently deserved tribute to the retiring treasurer for his efficiency, fidelity, and uprightness in the discharge of his duties.

Knowing Captain Sharp as we do we can say that no man in the service was more capable in the discharge of his duties or more loyal to the Seaboard Air Line.

BIG ATTRACTION.

Rose Coghlan and Her Strong Cast to Appear at Academy Thursday Night.

Rose Coghlan will appear in this city at the Academy of Music on Thursday, Jan. 7th, in "The Greatest Thing in the World," a delightfully wholesome play, full of sentiment and heart interest, which presents Rose Coghlan in a congenial and lovable character, that of a widow inheriting a fortune, who is rescued by her loving husband when she has happily mated both her boys, she herself finds solace in the true affection of a life-long lover. Miss Coghlan is under the direction of James Murry, who has surrounded her with a cast of uncommon strength.

The prices of admission for this big attraction will be \$1.50 and \$1.00 for reserved seats. General admission 50 cents. The box sheet opens at Plummer's Wednesday morning.

SOUTH DAKOTA CASE.

It Comes Up in the United States Supreme Court at Washington to-morrow.

The Hon. George Routledge, one of North Carolina's counsel in the case of South Dakota against North Carolina, concerning some of the repudiated bonds of the reconstruction period in this State, left last night for Washington, D. C., where the argument in this case will begin to-morrow in the United States Supreme Court. Ex-Judge James E. Sheppard and others of North Carolina's counsel went on home tonight.

Former Governor D. L. Russell, of South Dakota's counsel, is already in Washington, having gone on several days ago in connection with this case.

—The British steamer "Armenia" passed over the bar and out to sea yesterday at 10:40 A. M.

—Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, was on our streets yesterday.

S. A. L. SITUATION.

Captain John H. Sharp, the Efficient Treasurer, Dropped After Long Service.

BUSINESS POLICY UNCHANGED.

Byn Interests Wanted a Man of Their Own Choice to Take Captain Sharp's Place—Mr. Barr Pleaded at Being Chosen President.

[Richmond Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 31.—Mr. James H. Barr, the new president of the Seaboard, is naturally greatly pleased at the vote of confidence accorded him by the directors of the system, and during the morning he received many callers who desired to extend congratulations. Telegrams and telephone messages of congratulation were also showered upon the official.

Mr. Barr, nevertheless, remained at his desk all day, attending to the routine business of his office. He said that he had no statement whatsoever to make regarding the policy of the railway during his administration as its president. He has been in charge of the policy of the road for almost three years now, anyway, and it is scarcely probable that there will be any change in it. In fact, the president-elect stated this fact definitely.

Regarding the change in treasurer, Mr. Barr said that certainly no reflection could possibly be intended upon the faithful and upright retiring treasurer, Mr. John H. Sharp, who has efficiently handled the head of the company for the past twenty-three years. He desired to make public acknowledgment, he said, of the ability and fidelity of this gentleman. It is a civic natural, he said, the new president, "that the people who have recently put their millions into this property should desire a man of their own selection as treasurer. The election of Mr. M. S. Meldrum as vice president and treasurer was the logical outcome of the recent change in the property.

Mr. Sharp, the retiring treasurer, has been a resident of this city for the past ten years or more. He started in the railway business with the old Carolina Central Railway, one of the most important constituent properties of the Seaboard, as a book-keeper. This was in April, 1882.

In 1893, when the Georgia Carolina and Northern Railway was completed to Atlanta, he was made treasurer of the consolidated lines, with headquarters here. Later on, when Mr. J. S. Williams combined the then Seaboard system with the Southshore, the Georgia Central and Peninsular and the Georgia and Alabama, Mr. Sharp was made treasurer of the consolidated properties.

When seen this morning he was at his office performing his duties as usual. He had no criticism whatever to make of the action of the Board of Directors, but quite to the contrary, he said that it was the most natural thing in the world that the New York financiers, owning an interest in the property, should desire a treasurer in New York City, and that his future plans, he could not speak.

It is the belief of those close to the president-elect that Mr. Sharp will be offered in his position responsibility with the system, as an indication of the road's appreciation of his most efficient services.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. F. Young, the banker, of Dana, N. C., spent yesterday in the city.

—Miss Annie Hamme will return to-day from Oxford, where she spent a few days pleasantly with relatives and friends.

—Mr. T. A. Wortham and bride returned last evening from Oxford and are spending the evening here with their relatives and friends.

—Hereafter no "Personals" sent through the mails, directed to the office, will be printed in the STAR unless accompanied with a responsible name.

—Mr. R. N. Cronly, secretary to President Warren G. Elliott, of the Atlantic Coast Line, returned to Baltimore last night. He came here Friday and his friends were exceedingly glad to see him.

—Mr. J. Q. Herring, of Berta, called on us yesterday and says everything is lovely around his country. The new bridge at Still Bluff on Black river has been completed and the neighborhood now has an outlet.

—Editor Pat McGowan, of the *Harringer*, a union labor paper which he publishes at the State capital, paid the STAB a pleasant call yesterday. After spending Christmas with his stepmother, Mr. W. H. McGowan, he returned last afternoon to Raleigh.

Mabel Paige Closes Her Engagement.

Mabel Paige and her capable company closed their week's engagement at the Academy of Music last night. There was another big audience and the bill was "A Battle for Life," a fine melodrama that was presented in a most superior way. Miss Paige as "Sally" did a happy piece of dramatic work, and elicited the most unbounded applause. The stage and electric effects were very pleasing to the audience.

Negotiations are already on foot to get this charming actress to return for another engagement this season.

At the Academy last night the Elks were Miss Paige's guests, and after the show she and members of her company were royally entertained by the Elks at their beautiful temple.

—The Rev. W. I. Herbert, an eloquent and prominent Methodist minister of Columbia, S. C., has arrived in the city, and at 11 o'clock this morning will preach at Grace M. E. Church. This afternoon at 5 o'clock he will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A.

HIGHWAYMEN ABROAD.

Another Man Was Knocked in the Head Last Night—Andrew Walker Robbed of \$267.34 Friday Night.

Ex-Alderman Andrew Walker, colored, was able to come down town yesterday and tell of his thrilling experience with the two highwaymen who robbed him Friday night at Sixth and Nun streets.

He states that the robbers got from him a roll of bills amounting to \$267.34, all of which was lodged money except \$28 which belonged individually to him. The money belonged to Free Love Lodge, of which Walker is treasurer. He says he took a trolley car at Second and Princess streets, and got off at Sixth and Nun streets to attend a meeting of the trustees and financial board of Free Love Lodge. The meeting was to be held in Ruth Hall, and when Walker started on Nun street in that direction, he states that he saw two men standing alongside the pavement. As he passed them, one seized him by the arm and tore his satchel, and the other knocked him senseless with a club. He says he remembers about having received two licks, but didn't know whether they struck him while he was down or not. His pants pocket was empty while the robbers hurriedly took his roll of money out. It was in a handkerchief and was wrapped around with paper. He was taking the money to the meeting to make a showing to the finance committee.

Walker says his assailants were negroes, one being a brown-colored, tall man of heavy build, and the other a short black man of heavy build. After they robbed him one went over to the southwest corner of Sixth and Nun streets and disappeared while the other went over to the northeast corner of Sixth and Fourth streets and disappeared. Policeman E. W. Howell, who was at Sixth and Ann streets heard the lick which fell Walker and heard him holler for help. He ran in that direction but did not see either of the robbers. He found Walker unconscious. Walker says when he came to himself Officer Howell was helping him up off the pavement.

Walker does not know who his assailants were but thinks it is somebody who knew he was to take the money to the meeting at Ruth Hall. He received two severe licks, one on the shoulder and one on the left side of the head, the latter causing blood to come from his ears and nose.

ANOTHER MAN KNOCKED IN THE HEAD.
Last night about 9 o'clock, in Strauss Alley, between Fourth and Fifth and Harriet streets, Henry Burton, colored, 19 years old, was found insensible from having been clubbed on the head. He was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Akerman dressed a bad wound in his head over the left ear. It is not likely that the skull is fractured, but the wound is a serious one. Burton is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Who struck Burton or how or under what manner he was hurt is a mystery. He was so addled at the hospital that he could not be gotten out of anything he said. It is quite probable that he was knocked down and robbed. He works at the Armour fertilizer works, near the Seaboard Air Line depot, and was on his way home.

He was in a semi-conscious condition when heard from after midnight last night.

When Burton was picked up in the alley he was covered with blood, sand and dirt. There is no clue to the deed.

The United Charities to Meet.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30, 1903. The United Charitable Association will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 1904, at 3 o'clock at Chesnut Street Presbyterian church. All members are requested to attend. C. E. DAVIS, Sec't.

DEED.

THORNTON—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Bloodworth on the morning of Jan. 1st, 1904, Mrs. A. B. THORNTON, in the 74th year of her age.

Funeral will take place to-day at 3 P. M. at the Church at 3 o'clock at Chesnut Street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

DAVIS—Saturday at 9:30 A. M. Mrs. VIRGINIA D. DAVIS, aged 59 years, 3 months and 19 days. Burial at 11 o'clock at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1 R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—There will be a special convocation Monday evening, 8 o'clock, for work by order of the High Priest.

A Card.

To My Friends and Acquaintances: I am and all for your liberal patronage in the past and in the future. I am and all for your liberal patronage in the past and in the future. I am and all for your liberal patronage in the past and in the future.

Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company will be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1904, at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. B. Bloodworth, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to the deceased to make payment to me, and all persons to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me by or before the 15th day of December, 1903, or his notice will be closed by the recovery of the 15th day of December, 1903.

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paying is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

W. M. E. SPRINGER.

City Engineer.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No. 9 North Front Street.

It Is The Policy of This Store to Lead!

To be the first in line with the new things on the very threshold of the season. Until you see the new styles shown in this store you are not sure of the really new. We inaugurate our

January Embroidery Sale.

Beginning Monday, January 4th, when we will have on display our new Embroideries. Besides our match sets, we will show hundreds of pieces at 19, 29, 39, 49,