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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

By "stepping on the lid," Leader John Sharp Williams prevented the washing of Democratic dirty linen in the open proceedings of the House yesterday; among the bills in the House was by a Massachusetts member to have a re-estimate of the cotton crop; Tillman, of South Carolina, brought on a spirited debate in the Senate Yesterday on the railroad rate question, his remarks alluding to President Roosevelt as having done "white-washing"—In Brooklyn, New York, yesterday it was decided by a Supreme Court justice that the American Tobacco Company has the privilege of refusing to sell a retail dealer——The storm of the Massachusetts coast on Saturday night blew 70 miles an hour, and the light ship on Nantucket shoals sent several wireless messages stating she was sinking and asking for help; three ships went out and it is feared that the lightship foundered——The gunboat Wasp is missing with 90 men on board——Thomas F. Ryan will again testify before the insurance investigation committee, having decided to reveal the threat of E. H. Harriman to make him divide the Equitable stock with him; the investigation yesterday revealed the fact that more of the McCall family had a cinch with the insurance company——Mrs. Arthur Thomason and her five children were burned to death in New York tenement last night——New York market: Money on call strong at 6 to 15 per cent., closing bid 7, offered at 14; cotton quiet at 12.10; flou steady; wheat irregular. No. 2 red 96 elevator; corn easy, No. 2. old, 58, elevator; oats firm, mixed 37 to 37 1-2; turpentine and rosin steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11, 1905.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Monday, Dec. 11th.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 30 degrees; at 2 P. M., 48 degrees; Maximum, 59 degrees; Minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.31.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Monday 5.8 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh southwest winds.

PORT ALMANAC—Dec. 12.

Sun Risese .....7:01 A. M.
Sun Se's .....4:46 P. M.
Day's Length .....9 hrs. 47 min.
High Water at Southport ..7.54 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington 10:24 A. M.

The bears are still beating down the price of cotton, but if the cotton producers won't sell their holdings the price is bound to go up. It is up to those who can hold their cotton.

A woman in Buffalo, New York, has just awaked from a sleep of ten months. Other sisters were awake while she was asleep and it is safe to say that she'll be told everything that happened while she was out of commission.

It is said that the King of Siamese buys his wife a new dress every day. He must have something equally as good as insurance to enable him to settle the dressmakers' bills.

Tom Dixon's play, "The Clansman," is to be on the boards at The Liberty theatre in New York, January 8th. The country may expect to watch for a sensational reception of the stirring Ku Klux drama.

President Roosevelt recently bought two bull dogs which cost him $150 each. We'll see now whether he will dog the footsteps of the Senators till they do what he wants done about his railroad rate measure.

The Houston Chronicle says: "The people of Germany want to know why they are compelled to pay such high prices for beef." Commissioner Garfield may be able to tell them by the time the next Presidential election is pulled off.

Says the Washington Star: "Mr. Ryan said he bought James H. Hyde's insurance stock in order to prevent a panic. The corporation that cannot show a fine assortment of benevolent motives has an exceedingly poor lawyer." What the country wants to know now is why Mr. Harriman got mad at Mr. Ryan for refusing to allow him to help stave off the panic.

President Roosevelt laid down in his message all kinds of things which the Federal government would do. He forgot to mention that it could be less extravagant and take some of the burden from living, by reducing the tariff where it pinches the people who are trying to meet expenses.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Other Local on Fourth Page

—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in the parlors of the Association building this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—A "spare room" in your house, properly advertised, will provide you with plenty of "spare change." Try a Star Business Local.

—The schooner Jessie Barlow, which put in at Southport last week on account of the sickness of the steward aboard, proceeded on her voyage to New York yesterday.

—By deed filed for record yesterday A. Shrier and wife transferred to Mrs. Emily Banck, for $1,000 and other considerations, property on south side of Brunswick, 41 1-4 feet east of Fifth street, 66x90 feet in size.

—J. Arthur Smith, a well known young colored man, a son of Joseph Smith, who passed away last October, died yesterday at the family home, No. 812 South Fifth street, after a lingering illness. Funeral this afternoon from St. Luke's church.

—Miss Hannah Carroll, 30 years old, a seamstress of Number 315 Dawson street, died Sunday of chronic meningitis at the hospital, where she had been for treatment 18 days. The remains were sent to Cronly, N. C., yesterday morning for interment.

—The steamer Duplin, which has been tied up here since the "City of Fayetteville" recently took her run on the Cape Fear, will begin her schedule on Northeast river to-day, clearing for Chinquepin this afternoon. Capt. LeRoy Smith is in command.

—Sampson Democrat: "On last Tuesday morning Nancy Hanks, the colt owned by H. J. Hines, of Clinton, lowered her record reported last week by 12 seconds, trotting a mile in 2:38. Messrs. W. H. and Jesse Huggins timed her, and Mr. F. M. King drove her. She is very probably the fastest colt ever raised in Sampson."

—Police Captain George Smith, Sergeant J. R. Hardee, Officer Jim Smith and Alderman W. E. Yopp went deer driving yesterday up on Northeast river. They returned last night and decline to discuss the situation, further than to charge one another with setting the woods on fire and frightening all the venison to the tall timber.

—The small colored boy who stole Mr. F. J. Dempsey's mule and buggy from in front of Hayden's carriage shop early Saturday night, proved in the police court yesterday to be a waif and under the years of discretion. He was bound out to Jim Davis, a respectable colored man, who promised to try to make something out of the chap.

—A young Mr. Moore, of this city, who is employed at the plant of the Weed Distilling Company, near foot of Wright street, had his thumb severely mangled by having it caught under a heavy carboy of spirittine balsam at the works early yesterday afternoon. The wounds were dressed by Dr. R. H. Bellamy after which he was sent home.

—The "Bible Talk" by Mr. J. C. Stevenson at the Boys' Brigade armory Sunday afternoon was much enjoyed. The solo by Mrs. Fairchild was much appreciated. Next Sunday Mr. John T. Sholar, of Fifth Street M. E. church, will speak and on the Sabbath before Christmas, Dr. Hale, of the First Baptist Church will deliver a special address. There will be an elaborate programme of music.

—Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, last night elected the following officers, who will be installed the night of January 8th, viz: Consul Commander, E. V. McKenzie; Advisory Lieutenant, J. J. Craig; Banker, W. H. Howell, Clerk, Geo. C. Jackson; Escort, T. N. Cordes; Watchman, R. S. Burton; Sentry, George Tucker; Managers, John E. Wood, J. W. Fleet, W. G. A. Otersen; Camp Physicians, Drs. C. D. Bell, D. W. Bulluck and R. H. Bellamy.

—Cornelius Harnett Council No. 231, Royal Arcanum last night elected officers as follows: Past Regent, Dr. J. D. Webster; Regent, C. M. Whitlock; Vice Regent, W. P. Monroe; Orator, T. L. Vines; Secretary, H. Burkheimer; Collector, J. Weil; Treasurer, Dr. S. Mendelsohn; Chaplain, Col. Jno. L. Cantwell; Guide, J. H. Hettleman; Warden, B. Goodman; Sentry, S. Solomon; Representative to Grand Lodge, Dr. S. Mendelsohn; alternate, Dr. J. D. Webster; Trustees, B. Solomon, I. J. Bear and J. H. Boatwright

Italian Immigrants Coming.

A small party of Italian immigrants of the better class, direct from Italy, are expected here to-day on the belated Clyde Liner New York. They come as settlers for the Southern Tracking Development Company in which Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., are largely interested. The party came to New York on an ocean liner from Italy and took passage there on the steamer for Wilmington.

As to the Beauty Physician.

The production of "The Beauty Doctor" at the Academy of Music last night was not regarded as good as the same offering by different people last season, but nevertheless it was above the average of the high-class attractions that come this way and gave very general satisfaction. The audience was not large.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Murchison—Useful Gifts.
Peoples' Supply Co.—How to Pay.
Crow & Taylor—Seedless Raisins.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Holiday Goods.
W. E. Springer & Co.—Merry Christmas.
Barclay Agency—The Scattered Nation.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Found—Rain Coat.
H. E. Truelove.—Draying.
M. C. Darby & Co.—For Rent.
Chadbourn S. D. & L. Co.—Stenographer.
W. P. Oldham & Co.—Florida Oranges.

THE POLICE INQUIRY

Failure to Send Department Alarm for Early Morning Blaze Last Monday

SUSPENSION AND REPRIMAND

Whereabouts and Official Conduct of Men Under Fire By Committee at City Hall Last Night—Neds of an Increased Force.

The Police Committee, composed of Alderman J. A. Karr, chairman; Aldermen P. Q. Moore and J. O. Brown, met last night in the office of the Mayor at the City Hall and conducted a searching investigation into the matter of why the policemen in the northern part of the city failed to turn in an alarm upon the occasion of the fire at Fourth and Swan streets before day yesterday morning a week ago. It will be remembered that three small stores with their contents were totally destroyed and that the first alarm the Department received was from Superintendent of Alarm John T. Yeates, who saw the glare of the light and with the other men at the Chemical Station, in another part of town, went over to the scene and rung back an alarm to the remainder of the firemen, with the exception of the North Fourth street hose company, members of which also saw the light and responded without an alarm. The original charge was only against Policeman I. W. Skipper, who was on the North Fourth street, or "Must Go," beat, but Alderman Moore, of the committee, insisted that every officer in that part of town should be held to account for the failure of an alarm to come in.

A number of witnesses were examined, including firemen from the Fourth street bridge station, who testified that just before the fire was seen, Officers Skipper, Wells and Walker were in the engine house there. It was shown, however, that Officers Wells and Walker were on that beat, which extends from the railroad south, from Princess street north and from Third street to the city limits, an area of considerable proportions. Officer Walker since the fire has resigned from the police department to accept a better position as guard for the convicts for Mr. C. H. Dock, at the rock quarry. No investigation was, therefore, held as to his case. Officer Wells frankly told the committee that before the fire he and Mr. Walker had come from Twelfth and Princess streets, waited for the sergeant at Fourth and Campbell streets, and not having met him, they went into the engine house to get water; that while there, Mr. Walker, whose feet were wet and bitterly cold from the exposure, had taken his seat by the stove to dry them, asking Mr. Wells to wait a few minutes, which he did. Mr. Wells said they were there 15 or 20 minutes but he was free to confess that while his beat did not extend beyond the railroad, if he had sen the fire sooner than he did, he would have crossed over and sent in the alarm.

Mr. Skipper admitted that his beat was north of the railroad and that he was in the engine house on this side to get water and to warm, for it was a bitterly cold night. He saw the fire and ran to Fourth and Brunswick streets, where he first started to turn in the alarm, but decided to go and send in the taps from a box nearer to the scene. He ran up about the time the firemen turned in the alarm, though the fire was a block beyond his beat.

Officers I. F. Huggins and A. D. Smith, who have the large area from Fourth street to the woods and all north of the railroad, except Fourth street, showed that they were at Ninth and Bladen streets searching for a criminal in a house, under orders of the chief. As soon as they saw the fire from that distance, they ran to turn in an alarm but arrived too late. They were exonerated by the committee upon that statement of fact.

In consideration of his exemplary record as an officer and the fact that he was on his beat and on this side of the railroad, the committe decided to have Mr. Wells only reprimanded by the Mayor. As to Mr. Skipper, after much debate, it was decided to have him also reprimanded by the Mayor and an additional punishment of 15 days suspension imposed for being off his beat. Mr. Brown did not vote on either proposition, Mr. Moore and Mr. Karr having carried the motion as a majority report. Later, it is understood from a member of the committee, Mr. Moore and Mr. Karr agreed as a majority to make the suspension of Mr. Skipper permanent.

The inquiry developed in no uncertain manner the fact that officers in outlying districts have entirely too much area to cover and that there is crying need for an enlarged force and better pay for good men. Two men to cover miles square in the night time canot do efficient service.

The report of the committee as agreed upon last night will doubtless be made to the Board of Aldermen at its first meeting in January.

Chadbourn and its People.

The Rev. R. Murphy Williams, of Wallace, evangelist of Wilmington Presbytery, was in the city yesterday on his way home from Chadbourn where he has been conducting an eight-day meeting. The meetings closed Sunday night, with fifteen acquisition to the church by profession and letter. Mr. Williams was much impressed with the thriving town of Chadbourn and community. He says it is a strong religious community, and speaking with special reference to the Sunny South Colony, he remarked that the settlers are industrious, thrifty and economical, and are bound to succeed, as they have already done.

A young man experienced in running Job Presses is wanted at the Star office. Good wages for good work.*

TO ADJUST FREIGHT CLAIMS

Southern Agency Organized in This City for Important Work—Business Men Generally Are Interested.

The Southern Freight Claim Agency is a new enterprise recently established in Wilmington and one that promises to grow rapidly in favor with the business men not only of this city but all through this section of the Carolinas. The Claim Agency is composed of shippers and receivers of freight generally and its purpose is the promotion of the settlement of just and equitable claims against transportation lines, which, it is believed by the promoters, can best be accomplished by handling such claims through one office, fully equipped with records and blanks, and using a thoroughly systematic method of preparing, presenting and tracing all calims entrusted to the agency.

It is frequently the case that small claims are not even presented by merchants, on account of the time and labor involved in their preparation, record, and resulting correspondence, and many claims are abandoned after being rendered because of such correspondence, tracing and vexatious delays. Nevertheless, such claims remain a constant source of irritation to the merchant, and the transportation lines would gladly pay them if properly prepared and presented.

This Association will relieve claimants of all the labor, correspondence, and annoyance incidental to the handling of claims, of any amount, and by reason of its system, whereby a claim is properly filed and never lost sight of, will undoubtedly be able to secure prompt and satisfactory settlement.

It is not intended to operate in any spirit of antagonism to transportation lines; on the contrary, decided benefit will accrue to them in the saving of vexatious correspondence over improperly prepared claims, and the avoidance of friction and misunderstanding with their patrons.

Membership in the Claim Agency is upon the basis of a membership graded according to the amount of claims adjusted within a given period with a reasonable minimum upon which a flat rate is charged. Already a number of Wilmington's most prominent business men have identified themselves with the movement and outside shippers and receivers of freight have manifested a lively interest. The plan is also endorsed by the railroad people, as a rule, who take the position that their freight claim office desires to handle as promptly as possible and adjust in an equitable manner all claims against them and that anything to facilitate this work by having claims presented in proper shape will be welcomed.

Mr. Wm. A. Williams is manager and Thomas D. Meares, Jr., Esq., is attorney for the new institution. The office is on Princess street at the law office of Mr. Meares. The Agency also contracts to furnish expert accountants for examination of private, firm or corporation books.

Entertained at The Orton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chipman, of Philadelphia, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Martin S. Willard travelled extensively in Egypt last Summer, are guests at The Orton on their honeymoon trip. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Chipman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Willard and a few other friends at dinner at the hotel.

LOCAL PORT PARAGRAPHS.

Storm Demoralizes All Shipping—The Monitor Has Departed.

The British steamer Greatham, 1,535 tons, Capt. Gowing, arrived in port at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, having had an exceedingly rough passage down the coast from Baltimore, which port she left at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The ship encountered the heavy northeast gale which swept the coast Friday night and Saturday and for a time it was feared she would be lost. The story of the fury of the storm is told in the telegraphic columns of the Star this morning. The Greatham came light for cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

The Clyde Liner New York, which left New York Friday and was due here early yesterday morning had not put in her appearance late last night. She also proabbly encountered the storm and put to sea to escape the coast blow. She is expected in this morning unless some accident has overtaken her.

The U. S. Monitor Florida cast off her lines at the Custom House wharf at 12 o'clock yesterday, being towed into the stream by the tug Marion, after which she proceeded down the river and to Southport for Charleston. On account of the storm she was not joined here by the torpedo-boat flotilla from Norfolk, which are supposed to be in snug harbor somewhere along the coast. The boats will probably join the squadron later at Charleston.

MAYOR'S COURT YESTERDAY.

Gamster Who "Peached" To His Sorrow—Eleven Cases.

Eleven penitents was the sum total of unfortunates in the police court yesterday, but few of the cases were of more than trifling importance.

Willie Holley, as black of face as he probably is of heart, squealed on a party of his friends with whom he was having a quiet little game at the house of Hattie Judge, colored, in Brown's alley, Sunday, and the police "looked in upon the fun" before Ed. Smith and Ed. Coleman got away. Smith was represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq., and notwithstanding his "peach," Holly was made not only a party defendant in the Sunday game but Smith said he was in a game the Saturday night before. Holly was bound to Superior Court in two cases under bonds of $25 in each and the other two were bound over in one case each under similar bond. The majority of other cases yesterday were plain drunks and the like and all were let off with nominal fines except Wiley Mazingo, who was taxed $10 and costs.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL

Smith Building and Apartment Flats Purchased Yesterday By Investing Company

THE CONSIDERATION $32,000

Messrs. Thos. H. Wright, P. Q. Moore, C. L. Dickinson and Roger Moore Acquire Valuable Business Property.

Another big real estate deal in down-town property was consummated yesterday—the sale of the handsome three-story, brick Smith building on Princess street and the row of three flats on Postoffice Avenue in the rear of the property. The sale was by Mr. Andrew Smith to a company of young men investors composed of Messrs. Thos. H. Wright, P. Q. Moore, Roger Moore and C. L. Dickinson. The consideration was $32,000 and the sale was through the real estate agency of J. G. Wright & Son, who recently put through a similar big deal of the Currie property at southwest corner of Second and Princess streets.

The Smith property fronts 82 feet on Princess street and runs back into the block something over 180 feet. On the first floor of the Smith building are the stores of Messrs. A. G. Ahrens, F. H. Krahnke, S. A. Schloss and the insurance office of Capt. J. VanB. Metts. There are eight single and double offices on the second floor and about 12 on the third floor.

The building on Postoffice avenue, on the same lot, consists of flat apartments for three families with all modern conveniences. Each of the four gentlemen named hold one-forth interest in the property and have not decided as yet what they will do with the buildings, the purchase having been solely as an investment. They are contemplating a number of improvements, however, and may sell the flat apartments on the Postoffice avenue. The property has been for sale some time, Messrs. Chesnut & Barentine having had an option on it, which expired when the new purchasers appeared in the market.

It is understood that Mr. Smith intends investing in residence property, a number of which will be constructed of brick. The deed for the transfer of the property purchased yesterday has not been recorded as yet, but the same is expected to pass and the new owners will take possession within the next few days. The property sold for about $400 per front foot.

INTERESTING CIVIL SUIT.

Trucker Sues Commission Man For Breach of Contract.

Justice John J. Furlong was engaged for a couple of hours yesterday afternoon in hearing an interesting civil suit in which Mr. F. T. Mills seeks to recover $172 for alleged breach of contract by Mr. Henry Dingfelder with whom he had a contract to sell all the No. 1 Irish potatoes raised on his truck farm. Mr. Mills alleges that Mr. Dingfelder took the first 100 barrels of the potatoes according to the contract at $2 per barrel, but that the last 172 barrels were refused in violation of the contract and the plaintiff was forced to sell the potatoes for $1 per barrel, the market having declined in the meantime.

A stenographic report of the testimony was taken for Mr. Mills by Miss Stella Shrier and pending the receipt of a typewritten copy of the evidence for review, Justice Furlong reserved his decision. Mr. Dingfelder claims that the potatoes were not up to the standard No. 1 and that was the reason for their refusal. On the other hand, Mr. Mills introduced Mr. A. O. McEachern, a practical trucker; Mr. Ray C. Kennedy, representative of a Philadelphia house to whom the potatoes were finally sold, and Ed. Swann, a colored trucker, to show that the potatoes were up to the standard. Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, counsel for Mr. Dingfelder, made a motion that the suit be dismissed for the reason that the contract was with C. I. & M. Dingfelder, of New York, and that service had not been secured on them. Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for Mr. Mills.

Children Burned to Death.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock two negro children of Ashley Williams, aged about 2 and 4 years, were burned to death in Gray's Creek township. Williams was occupying the R. B. Butler house, to which he had moved only about two weeks ago. He and his wife left the dwelling, locking it, and leaving the children inside. An eye witness of their departure says that as they went off they seemed to be quarreling, and that not five minutes had elapsed before the house was seen to be on fire. It burned like tinder, making it impossible to save it, or to rescue the unfortunate children. Their remains were gathered up from the ruins and buried yesterday afternoon."

Rescued Drowning Man.

Saturday night about 6:30 o'clock the captain, engineer and other officers of the British steamer Armenia, lying at the wharves of the Acme Tea Chest Company, across the river, made a heroic rescue of an elderly gentleman from up the river, who came over from the city in a canoe which was capsized opposite the big tramp. The rescuers took the gentleman, who was nearly dead from cold and exposure, by a hot fire in the galley of the ship, where he was rubbed down good, given a stiff glass of grog and rigged out in dry clothes from the wardrobe of the steamer. He remained aboard all night and went away rejoicing Sunday. The Armenia is a regular trader at this port and the captain and officers are well known and popular ashore.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. H. Johnson, of Garland, N. C., was here yesterday.

—J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville, is in the city on professional business.

—Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Kenansville, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. E. W. Jones, of Swann Quarter, N. C., is registered at The Orton.

—Mr. D. W. Hobbs, of Warsaw, was a guest at The Orton last night.

—Mr. A. G. Holmes and wife, of Council's, N. C., were guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. M. C. Thompson, of Virginia, travelling salesman in the Carolinas for the H. B. Davis Company, the big paint manufacturers, arrived last night on a business trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, and Mrs. P. H. Wililams, of Charlotte, their guest, came down yesterday to witness the production at the Academy of Music last evening.

—Miss Lena Hewlett left yesterday for Raleigh to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Claudia Henderson, who is with her husband, a member of the Murray Comedy Company, which comes to this city next week.

—Mr. Roy Thomas and bride are in the city, guests of Mr. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, No. 308 North Front street. Mr. Thomas is a former newspaper man who now has a good position in one of the Departments in Washington. He is being cordially greeted by his many friends in this city.

—Mrs. P. N. Fick and Mr. Carl Fick have gone to Asheville to attend the wedding of Mr. P. N. Fick, Jr., the eldest son of Mr. P. N. Fick, of this city, which occurs in that city to-morrow, the bride being a charming young lady of the mountain city. From Asheville Mr. Fick and bride will go to New York from which point the groom travels.

—Mr. Henry C. Strauss, who travels for the H. C. Goodman Shoe Company, of Lancaster, Ohio, spent Sunday and yesterday in the city. Mr. Strauss came to call on the shoe trade here, especially Solomon's Shoe Store, one of his largest customers in the South. Mr. Strauss is a first rate story teller, an impersonator and a raconteur of rare gifts as well as a gentleman of most engaging personality, and his visits are always a source of infinite pleasure to a host of friends here.

NEW HANOVER SCHOOLS.

Monthly Meeting of County Board of Education Last Night.

The County Board of Education, Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, chairman; Mr. George Rountree and Capt. Donald MacRae, met in regular monthly session last night at the office of Superintendent Washington Catlett, in the Court House. County Treasurer Green and Messrs. J. C. Stevenson and John D. Bellamy, Jr., of City School Committee No. 2, were present by invitation.

It was reported that the new school on the Federal Point road had been organized with Miss Mary Moore, of Burgaw, as teacher in charge. It will be known as "South Wilmington School," District No. 16. The school has now been in session two weeks with an enrollment of between 15 and 20 pupils. The attendance will be larger when the new school building is completed.

Superintendent Catlett reported that a large majority of the rural schools would observe North Carolina Day on Dec. 22nd, the day of their close for the Christmas holidays, opening for the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

The treasurers' report was examined and approved, showing a balance of $14,306.32 on hand November 1st.

Prof. Catlett will leave this evening for Raleigh to attend the State meeting of County Superintendents which will convene to-morrow. He carries up a highly encouraging report from the New Hanover schools, which are 25 in number—13 white and 12 colored. The value of rural school property is $13,300 of which $7,800 is for the white and $5,500 for the colored race.

MRS. EUGENIE F. MOORE DEAD.

Good Woman Entered Into Rest After Brief Illness.

Friends will regret exceedingly to learn of the death of Mrs. Eugenie Frances Moore, widow of the late James A. Moore, who died last July a year ago. After a brief illness with pneumonia Mrs. Moore passed away at 9:30 o'clock last night at the family home on corner of Third and Campbell streets. She was 57 years of age and was held in the highest esteem by all who enjoyed her acquaintance. She was a communicant of the Episcopal church and by her strong Christian character and charitable disposition had won to herself many warm friends.

Mrs. Moore leaves thre sons and thre daughters to mourn their loss, viz: Misses Mary S., Denie Estelle and Martha Hawes Moore, of this city, and Messrs. J. U. Moore, of Watertown, Fla., J. J. and George Layton Moore, of this city. She also leaves two sisters, Misses Hannah U. and Mary B. Seavy, and one brother, Mr. J. B. Seavy, all of Alpine, N. C. The bereaved ones have the tenderest sympathy of many friends. Mr. J. U. Moore, of Florida, arrived Sunday in response to a telegram that his mother was seriously ill.

The remains will be taken on this morning's train to Ivanhoe, N. C., for interment in the old family burying ground, six miles from that place.

The Smallpox Quarantine.

Five smallpox contacts and patients who have been quarantined in the city were taken out to the pest house by Chief Quarantine Officer Green yesterday for fumigation and discharge. There are now some 15 or more cases under quarantine by the Health Department, but it is a compliment to Dr. Harper and Capt. Green that, because of the prompt detection and isolation of the disease at its first outbreak, no new cases have developed since that time.

Clothes

It's the text of all the sermons we preach.

Just now we're thinking of you and what wants for the coming Holiday.

We take it that about your first requirment will be a new Suit or Overcoat—perhaps both. We hope so.

Now we are going to ask you to give a few moments of your time—just enough of it to enable you to step in to see the finest Fall Suits and Overcoats.

Your Eyes Ever Rested Upon.

Every new kink in Cut, Style and Fabric has gone in these excellent garments.

If you give us the few moments for which we ask you, we'll at once convince you hat we have Clothes worth preaching about, and in the Entire house you'll not find a price to offend you. Our next discourse will be on the same text—Clothes.

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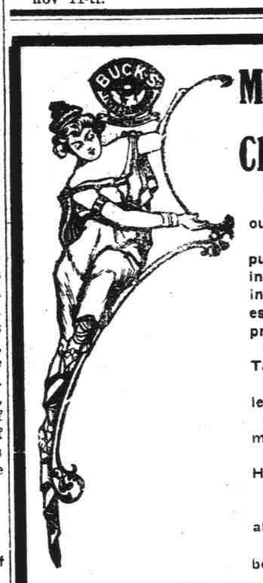

Merry Christmas

To one and all is our sincere wish.
We are going to put our good wishes into action by offering you the choicest and best gifts at prices that are fair.
Carving Sets and Table Ware.
Baker Hammerless Guns.
Remington Hammerless Guns.
Hopkins & Allen Hammerless Guns.
Single B. L. Guns.
Sporting Goods of all kinds.
Air Rifles the best on the market.

W. E. SPRINGER & CO.,
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Canary Birds. Gold Fish

Canary Birds and Cages.
Gold Fish and Aquariums.
For Sale by W. W. KING, Jr.,
Solomon's Shoe Store.
nov 26-tf.

Useful Gifts

We have a large assortment of of useful articles all, of which, will make very acceptable gifts:
Brass Andirons.
Brass Shovel and Tong Sets.
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