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The regular business meeting of the North Carolina Sorority will be held at 4 P. M. to-day. All members are urged to be in attendance.

The receipts of the Wilmington postoffice for January were \$7,591.36 against \$6,899.69 in January 1905. This shows a gain of \$691.67 in favor of the January just ended, the percentage of gain being 10 per cent.

A telegram from Admiral F. H. Delano to Mr. Geo. N. Harris announced the very serious illness of pneumonia, of Mr. Philip Delano, in Washington, D. C. Delano has been confined to his room since Xmas eve with grippe, but was thought to be improving and was to leave for Washington for Wilmington to recuperate to-night.

THE TURPENTINE TREE.

Charlotte Chronicle interestingly discusses question of pine forests.

The Charlotte Chronicle of yesterday has the following of interest: Mr. Keith, who is in charge of the custom house at Wilmington a few months ago tried to interest the people of the long leaf pine district in a new method of tapping the trees by which even young trees could be made to produce a flow of resin, and by which the turpentine forest of the South would be preserved. If anybody paid any attention to him we do not know it. Now the government is trying to interest the turpentine farmers. The Agriculture Department reports that recent experiments of the Forest Service have shown that the life of the turpentine tree and at the same time increasing its yield have proven a success. The cup-and-guttering system doing away with the facing-and-box method of sapping the trees will be the means of saving thousands of dollars of pine forests and their output in resin for turpentine. In the experiments of the past season, the first object was to show that at least an equal flow of resin could be secured from shallow and shorter faces. By reducing the depth and the superficial extent of the wound, the drain on the vitality of the tree was made without discounting the product. Under the old system the standard rate of tapping was one inch for the formation of dry faces, which is a kind of local death, affecting the wood exposed. It is regarded as certain now that with the diminution of the severity of this operation, the ordinary term of three or four years during which a forest is now worked can be greatly increased.

MRS. BAILEY FENNELL DEAD.

Good Woman Entered into Rest Yesterday—Funeral To-day.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Josephine Dobson Fenell, wife of Mr. Bailey M. Fenell, which occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alderman, No. 7 South Fourth street. Mrs. Fenell had been in very poor health some time, and her death was not unexpected, it came as a sad blow to the devoted young husband and hundreds of friends here and elsewhere. Mrs. Fenell was a daughter of Mr. Thos. C. Dobson of Kenansville, N. C. and was in the 25th year of her age. She was a bride of three years ago and was a woman universally loved and esteemed by all in the circle of her acquaintance. She is survived by her father, one sister and six brothers, viz: Miss Rosalie Dobson, of Kenansville; Capt. Thos. J. Dobson, of Wilmington; Mr. Jno. Dobson, of Huntington, W. Va.; Mr. Julian Dobson, of Kenansville; Edward W. Dobson, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. Hezekiah Dobson, of Kenansville, and Mr. Chas. C. Dobson, of Salemburg, N. C. The funeral will be conducted from the residence at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Transfers Which Appear From Deeds Filed For Record Yesterday.

From deeds filed for record yesterday the following real estate transfers appear: E. and wife to H. E. Bonitz and F. W. Bonitz, for \$3,500, property on east side of Ninth, 66 feet south of Ninth street, 66x29 feet in size. R. H. Reville and wife to A. L. Mincy and wife, for \$100, property on North side of Meares, 41 feet north of Fifth street, 40x67 feet in size. C. P. B. Mahler and wife to H. R. Kuhl, for \$300, property on South side of Bladen, 32 1/2 feet east of Eighth street, 41 1/2x266 feet in size.

Dev. Will B. Oliver To-Night.

The anniversary of the Helping Hand Class of the First Baptist church will be held to-night in the main auditorium of the church. The exercises will consist of a short talk by the pastor, Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., and an anniversary address by Rev. Will B. Oliver, of Florence, S. C., former pastor of the congregation here. The musical numbers will be by the Acme Quartette; Miss Mattie Horne, soloist, and Mr. and Mrs. George Penley.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wanted—Good Draughtsman. Hall's Drug Store—Your Wants. The Worth Co.—Fine Seed Potatoes. Orient Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Meeting.

J. & B. Solomon—Imported Embroideries. J. M. Solky & Co.—Made to Measure Clothing.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Gold Chain. W. P. Oldham & Co.—Oranges. Wanted—Position as Stenographer. 12 1/2 Be Percales to-day at Gaylord's. See window display.

STORY OF PROGRESS.

Fifty-Third Annual Banquet of Chamber of Commerce Last Night at the Orton

PROSPERITY, DEVELOPMENT

In Speech and Conversation Last Night Narrative of Wonderful Ascendency of Wilmington Told Happily and Pleasantly.

The fifty-third annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the Orton last night assembled possibly the largest and most distinguished body of Wilmington business men seen here in a generation. Superlatives are commonplace and rarely in good taste in speaking of any public occasion. But anything except extravagance of language and flower of speech descriptive of the really elegant affair last night would do violence to the truth and the feelings of one who enjoyed the pleasure of the event as guest or participant in the magnificent triumph as one of the hosts.

The business year just closed has been one of remarkable progress and prosperity for Wilmington and her brilliant ascendancy in the commercial world during the past twelve months was more than brilliantly reflected in the splendor of the gathering and feasting of Wilmington's captains of industry and their honored guests for the fifty-third annual banquet.

Bathed in the soft light of frosted chandeliers, a wealth of decorations at every point of vantage, immaculate table linens, and an atmosphere of prosperity everywhere, contented, prosperous, and progressive business men seated to the number of more than a hundred at tables arranged in U shape, the scene was one to inspire confidence in the future of the town and a glad realization of what the port already is.

Manager Hinton, of the Orton, is a prince of a hostler and the triumphant success of many elaborate public functions in the past are to his everlasting glory. But he has not before had the ambitious undertaking of the banquet last night and in the latter event, he has even exceeded himself, both in the elegance of cuisine and efficiency of service.

At the head of the long table sat President J. Allen Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, who made a most excellent toastmaster and the honored guests of the occasion, Hon. F. M. Simmons, United States Senator from North Carolina; Hon. G. B. Patterson, Congressman from the Sixth District of North Carolina; Hon. Joseph A. Brown, of the Southern Cotton Association; Mr. C. C. Moore, president, and Mr. A. J. McKinnon, vice-president of the Southern Cotton Association. Hon. James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina; Mayor M. C. Guthrie, of Southport, and others.

Mr. Taylor spoke briefly and pertinently at the opening of the banquet, giving statistics of the wonderful development of the Nation, of the South, of North Carolina and of the city of Wilmington. He indulged in some pleasantities at the expense of Senator Simmons and Congressman Patterson in connection with the proposed enlargement of the postoffice and Custom House and presented Hon. F. M. Simmons, who had just entered and was shown the honor of the banquets upon his approach.

Mr. Simmons was very happy in his introductory remarks and said that from the figures given by the toastmaster, that it was a very interesting addition to the Wilmington postoffice or any other public building in the city. In this presence he would make a proposition to his friend, Congressman Patterson, if Patterson would bill through the House for the enlargement of anything in Wilmington, he would get it through the Senate. He had always been taught, perhaps he got it from the blue book, that the largest city in North Carolina but for the statistics given by the president of the Chamber of Commerce, he could not see why it should not be the largest in the South. Whoever has been once so fortunate as to participate in a full and overflowing hospitality and good cheer of this city and its people, will ever after view with a beautiful tribute to the fountain of its good cheer, which seems to flow perennially along the banks of the old Cape Fear. From the introductory, Senator Simmons launched into a discussion of the Panama Canal, a committee for the investigation of belonging. After discussing the question at length he concluded by saying that he thought he could say as the result of that investigation, that the canal has passed the stage of doubt and experiment and there is no question of its construction; the last doubt as to the feasibility has been removed and the last problem of construction and practicability has been met by Mr. Stephens to whom he paid a tribute for competency and efficiency. The canal was not only going to be built but it is going to be built in much less time and at much less cost than any one ever expected. Mr. Simmons said that he would make the proposition that seven years would not pass before ships will sail through the canal and pass up and down the Cape Fear river on their way to the Orient. The work was of greater importance to North Carolina, perhaps than to any other two States with the possible exception of Mississippi and Louisiana. The two harbors of Beaufort and Wilmington were referred to and their wonderful development was predicted.

By the Panama Canal, Mr. Simmons passed to the subject of immigration to which he was assigned on the program. Mr. Simmons referred not only to the advantages, but to the evils of the foreign influx of immigrants to our shores and closed with a beautiful tribute to Wilmington, to North Carolina and to the Southland. Mr. Simmons' remarks were frequently interrupted by applause. His reception in Wilmington amounted to little less than an ovation. The toastmaster next introduced Hon. Gilbert B. Patterson, congressman from this district, who was assigned to the subject of Fish and Fisheries. Mr. Patterson was loudly applauded upon rising and it was several

TRIAL NEARING END.

Testimony in Lamb Case All in and Counsel Begin Their Arguments

MAY BE COMPLETED TO-DAY

Inmate of Garrett House and Officers Testify as to Tragedy—Was There Premeditation—Synopsis of the Evidence.

Quite unexpectedly yesterday afternoon the defence in the Lamb case on trial in the Superior Court announced that no evidence in behalf of the prisoner would be introduced and counsel went immediately to the jury with their argument, the defence by introducing no testimony gaining the advantage of having both the opening and closing. When court took a recess for the day at 6 o'clock three of the five speeches had been made and the indications are that the case will go to the jury late this afternoon. A number of character witnesses to prove the character of Lamb and to impeach the testimony of Fowler, the main witness for the State, had been summoned by the defence, but they were not put on the stand. The courtroom was packed yesterday to hear the evidence of the witnesses and the addresses to the jury by the learned counsel interested. Lamb was in court all day but his sisters were absent from the courtroom. His countenance still bespeaks a faint hope though his general appearance remains of the depressed order.

Court met promptly at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning and the first witness introduced was Louise Massey, one of the inmates of the house who was in the room at the time of the killing. She corroborated Fowler as to locations in the room and as to the flask of whiskey, the contents of which Alice Owens poured into the slop jar. She saw no pistol in the hands of anyone. Witness ran for the doctor. Prior to the shooting everybody was apparently in the best of humor. She had known Lamb for four or five years; Lamb had been acquainted with Alice Owens five or six years; Alice Owens went to Richmond for a year and a half but witness did not know whether Lamb was in the city at that time. Lamb had been acquainted with Alice Owens five or six years; Alice Owens went to Richmond for a year and a half but witness did not know whether Lamb was in the city at that time.

The cross-examination was by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and the opening effort was to fasten an intimate acquaintance of Fowler with the half-world of the city. She had known Fowler only six or seven months prior to the killing. On the night of the shooting Fowler remained at the house until 3 or 4 o'clock. She had Sadie Garrett kept the house together. She was questioned closely about any conversations she had had with Fowler since the time she admitted that Fowler had been to the house several times since August.

Sadie Garrett was the second witness. She did not go into the room the night of the tragedy until after the shooting. She ran immediately to the room and opening the door, Louise Massey said on Lamb had shot Alice. The room was dark. She struck a match and picked up the pistol with the trigger still in the hand of the other. Fowler had Lamb by the wrists and Lamb was begging: "Kill me, Claude, please kill me." Then Fowler pushed Lamb to one side and witness handed the pistol to him. After leaving the room she remained at the house until 3 or 4 o'clock. She had Sadie Garrett kept the house together. She was questioned closely about any conversations she had had with Fowler since the time she admitted that Fowler had been to the house several times since August.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon was introduced as the "biggest watermelon grower in North Carolina." He was not prepared to speak on watermelons, but in the interest of the Southern Cotton Association, North Carolina Division, of which he is vice-president. Mr. McKinnon was received with the warmest applause. Capt. R. P. Johnston, in charge of the U. S. Corps of Engineers for the Wilmington District, was next introduced and spoke interestingly of the Cape Fear river and harbor work on the Cape Fear river and bar. His speech thoroughly identified the captain as a Wilmingtonian and an enthusiast in her cause.

It was 3 o'clock when President Taylor in a brief address, dismissed the merry makers and they fled out of the banquet hall feeling that "it was good to have been there." The menu for the banquet was presented in handsomely embossed leaflets, the product of the Wilmington Stamp Works, as follows: Blue Point, Martini, Celery, Olives, Salted Almonds, Broiled Spanish Mackerel Au Beurre, Pommes Julienne, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Rudesheimer, Fillet of Tenderloin Aux Champignons, Pointed Caneet, Asparagus on Toast Sauce Hollandaise, Roast Quail Maître D Hotel, Head Lettuce Mayonnaise, French Peas, Mummies.

Neapolitan Cream, En Form, Fancy Cake, Roquefort Cheese, Toasted crackers, Coffee, Cortez Cigars, Creme De Menthe Cigarettes. Those in attendance. Among the guests invited and in attendance were Messrs. A. A. Aveline, A. J. Brown, I. M. Bear, H. C. Bear,

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