

At Asheville, N. C., yesterday, the grand jury indicted Congress- man E. Spencer Blackburn, Republi- can, for practicing in the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce. Mr. Blackburn denies the charges. The British delegates to the Moroccan con- ference have given up hope of agree- ment. The American delegate is op- posed to the House yesterday pass- ing the army appropriation bill after Representative Hull had stated that the army and navy must have a strong army and navy to cope with the situation in China and the rights in the Orient. The House yesterday passed the pure food bill. The debate Senator Heuburn was continuing against the tendency to amend this government. In the Senate yesterday a bill was passed for the trial of Captain A. J. Twigg yesterday. They offered him \$1,000 to go against them and when he refused they offered him \$500 to go against them. The contract captain was caused to lose money. The President has decided to call sessions in the way of amend- ing the Hepburn bill, so as to pro- vide for appeal from rulings by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The convention sitting in Washing- ton to amend the uniform divorce law of the States, it was agreed to amend the law so that a divorce must be granted in a State in which the action is brought, and that the in- terstate party to the proceedings shall have option of absolute divorce or divorce from bed and board. The cor- respondence between Dr. Minor Morris and President Roosevelt concerning the agreement of Mrs. Morris from Wash- ington yesterday, the President just- iced the agreement of Mrs. Morris. New York market: Money on call steady at 3 to 5 per cent; ruling rate a closing bid and offered at 3; time 30 days 3 1/2 per cent, closing quiet; 60 days 4 per cent, closing quiet; 90 days 4 1/2 per cent, closing quiet; No. 2 red, 86 1/4 elevator; corn No. 2, 43 elevator; oats steady, No. 2, 24 1/2; turpentine and rosin steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 21, 1906.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1906.
Temperature at 8 A. M., 62 degrees; at 11 A. M., 54 degrees; Maximum, 65 degrees; Minimum, 55 degrees; Mean, 60 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .18; rainfall since first of month to date, 2.81.
Wind from the north at Cape Fear and at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Wednesday, 4 S.E.
Weather Forecast.
For North Carolina—Fair Thursday, warmer in eastern portion, Friday, fair, warmer in western portion; fresh rain to northeast winds.

PORT ALMANAC—Feb. 22.

8:42 A. M. Sun Sets
5:47 P. M. Day's Length
10 hrs. 56 min. High Water at Southport, 8:00 P. M. High Water at Wilmington, 10:30 P. M.
Of course, the burnt district in Red Springs will be rebuilt. That town is one of the finest sections of North Carolina and its future is bright.
The friends of Richard A. McCurdy, insurance magnate say he is "suffering in silence." Well he must admit that silence is better than stripes.
If we get white labor on the farms in this country we will have to quit putting up the logs for the cabins and letting the dirt danders do the rest.
Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, is a candidate for a third term. He has gained reputation by two terms and may gain reputation if he gets a third trial.
A western "statesman" declares that the United States ought to pension every man in the country. He only differs in method with nearly all the other people in their adaptation of pensionism.
A legislative movement is on foot in Kentucky to run all the distilleries out of business. Any attempt to shut off the supply of "Old Kentucky Rye" will cause a lot of dry faces to be made at the Legislature.

Some of Prophet John Alexander

Some of Prophet John Alexander's followers are denouncing him as a humbug. Elijah III must not be deluging the groats in sufficient quantity to pay those who thought his religion would be a paying investment.
When a convict was sentenced to a term of ten years, in Savannah the warden, he laughed out: "I hope I will escape the judge and jury in hell." Of course, he thinks it is quite likely that the judge and jury can go there by some other route than the one he took.
Most of the Republican Representatives would rather risk re-election to Congress by letting Roosevelt do the talking than to be guided by the warden which their party places in their hands. The Senators may be a little more inclined to go right on in their pro-Republican ways.

The Gaekwar of Baroda, an East

The Gaekwar of Baroda, an East Indian potentate who has been the King of the Prince and Princess of Wales, wears a collar composed of 100,000 diamonds, some of which are the size of walnuts. It is enough to make some people feel like giving it to the Gaekwar in the neck.
Pat Crow had to bear the ignominy of standing trial for stealing \$25,000 from millionaire Cuddeby by kidnapping the old man's son and holding him in prison. Why will men run the risk of being caught by the sheriff instead of letting their financiers stumple in the streets with the McCalls, the McCurtys and the Hamiltons?

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wooten, of Kinston, are guests at the Orton.
Mr. Samuel Springer left yesterday to spend a few days at Washington, N. C.
Mr. J. R. Marshburn, of Maple Hill, Fender county, was here yesterday on a business trip.
Mrs. T. D. Johnston, of Burgaw, and Mrs. F. C. Withers, of Columbus, S. C., were guests at the Orton yesterday.
Mrs. Charles Anderson returned last evening from a visit to her daughter, who is a student at King's Business College in Raleigh.
Mr. Lot M. Noble, who is now engaged in timber speculation, returned yesterday from a business trip of several weeks to Kinston.
Mr. Nathan J. Hoyt, who has been for several months a resident here, has made many trips, and last night for his home in Rome, Ga.
Mr. Eugene Forchae, soliciting freight agent for the Seaboard Air Line, has returned from a pleasant visit of a week to Philadelphia.
Mr. William Smith, formerly of this city, now located in Baltimore, was here yesterday on his way up the W. & W. railroad to spend a while with relatives.
Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. H. L. Myrover, of Wilmington, private secretary of Col. Pleasant of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., came up on the noon train today for a brief visit to his home."
Among last night's arrivals were: Thomas E. Jacobs, Tarboro; T. W. Andrews, Charlotte; J. N. MacDonogh, Greensboro; D. N. Register, Georgetown, S. C.; A. G. Smith, Magnolia, and C. P. Parker, of Parkersburg.
Among yesterday's arrivals were E. M. Peterson, of Raleigh; C. D. Seaberry, of Fayetteville; Dr. W. H. Crowell, of Burgaw; P. J. Heath, of Magnolia; C. W. Miller, Greensboro; A. L. McDonald, Rockingham; Wm. E. Ashley, Greensboro.
Dr. S. A. Cavallaris, a learned young Greek physician, lately from Athens, but now located in New York, is spending a short time with friends among the colony of Greeks developing the lands of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., Castle Hayne.
Mr. E. L. Merriman, of Scranton, Pa., arrived last night to visit his brother, Mr. L. J. Merriman, on Princess street. He was accompanied on the visit to his brother by Mr. A. G. Thomson, manager of the Western Car Service Association, and Mr. T. B. Lacy, a prominent capitalist of Scranton. They will spend a week or ten days here, the guest of Mr. L. J. Merriman, being a mission of both pleasure and business.

SERMON BY DR. AMES.

Threatening Weather Prevented Many From Hearing Visitor.
On account of the threatening weather only a very small audience was present last night at the Academy of Music to hear the sermon by the Rev. Charles Gordon Ames, D. D., on the subject "Religion in Modern Life." Dr. Ames is a very gifted man and spoke with power to the few who braved the storm to hear him. He is pastor of the Church of the Disciples in Boston, Mass., and interest attached more especially to his visit because of his being pastor of the church to which the famous Mrs. Mary Hemens and Miss Amy Bradley belonged and it is regretted that more of the people of Wilmington could not hear him.
Dr. and Mrs. Ames yesterday visited the Academy of Music at noon and spoke to the pupils. This morning at 9 o'clock they expect to visit the Hemensway School, where the students will be assembled and go through certain exercises for the benefit of the guests.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY GOLF.

Annual Tournament This Afternoon on Links Near Delgado.
The annual Washington's Birthday tournament of the Cape Fear Golf Club for the handsome cup offered by the club will take place on the links near Delgado this afternoon. It will be a mixed foursome and already more than twenty lady and gentlemen members have entered for the contest, which is expected to be unusually interesting for both players and spectators of which there will be many.
A special suburban trolley car will leave the junction at 12:45 o'clock and the club will be in connection with the trolley upon arrival there. Play over the course will then begin and be concluded during the afternoon.

ORGAN RECITAL TO-NIGHT.

Delightful Affair Promised at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church.
The recital this evening in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian church by Mr. Edward H. Munson, organist of the choir of St. James', promises to be a thoroughly delightful affair in every respect. It is in honor of the installation of the handsome new instrument recently installed in Saint Andrew's and a very large audience is expected. Mr. Munson will be assisted during the evening by Mrs. Anne DeRoset Harris, soprano; Mr. John F. Kneissel, violinist; and Mr. Alf. H. Yopp, pianist.
No admission to the recital will be charged but a collection will be taken for the incident in connection with the installation of the splendid new instrument. All friends of the church and the public generally are invited.

Four Before the Mayor.

In the Mayor's Court yesterday Tom Branch, drunk and down, was given 30 days on the roads and an additional ten days for back costs. Tobe Jones, a colored drayman, for being drunk and driving recklessly on Chestnut street, was given a straight sentence of 30 days to the roads. Andrew Smith, colored, arrested in the same connection, was discharged. Newton Cox, a white man, was given 30 days on the roads and an additional ten days for back costs. Tobe Jones, a colored drayman, for being drunk and driving recklessly on Chestnut street, was given a straight sentence of 30 days to the roads. Andrew Smith, colored, arrested in the same connection, was discharged. Newton Cox, a white man, was given 30 days on the roads and an additional ten days for back costs.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Meeting.
Walton & King—Brick Work.
R. F. Warren—Phosphate Lime.
To-day! Extra cars to the beach at 3:00 and 4:30 p. m.

A BRILLIANT FINALE

Elaborate Banquet and Social Given to Ladies by Howard Relief Company
THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
Beautiful Affair Brought to Close Celebration of Important Event in Life of Distinguished Wilmington Organization—Toasts.
Every whit as brilliant, much more largely attended and having the added attraction of the gracious presence of more than a hundred ladies, the second and closing night of the elaborate celebration in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the Howard Relief Company, passed into history a little after 12 o'clock this morning. The scene of the closing event of the succession of two charming affairs in this honor, as on the evening before, was the auditorium of the handsome club house of the company on South Front street. The opening banquet closed with glory enough to last until the centennial, but the social in honor of the ladies last evening, eclipsed the former effort even as does the sun obscure the moon. A wealth of beautiful decorations, skillfully arranged by Reider, the florist; a brilliant array of pretty gowns worn by the lady guests; inspiring music by Holloway's Evangelical Lutheran church; a fluent after-dinner speaker and a fine old Southern hospitality upon every hand were the elements of the magnificent success which closed the anniversary exercises. The Howard Relief Company has always been famed far and near for the character of its unstinted hospitality and its elaborate way of doing things, but it is safe to say that never before have the functions attended upon the semi-centennial been half equalled.
Mr. H. L. Vollers presided as toastmaster last night and a better one could not have been selected from the rank or file of any social organization in the city. Mr. Vollers was happy in his introduction of the speakers, his scintillating wit unostentatious wit during the entire evening.
The banquet was opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church and one of the most gifted pastors in the city.
The address of welcome was by President J. W. Duls, of the Howard Relief Company, who spoke pleasingly of the past and the future of the company, and all a most cordial welcome to the pleasures of the evening.
Mr. H. E. Bonitz was next introduced by the toastmaster and responded in his characteristic easy style to "The Ideal German." His definition of true citizenship and the traits of character of his countrymen showed full knowledge of the subject and rare gifts in applying the sentiment.
Ex-Alderman M. G. Thielen, one of Wilmington's most successful and substantial German-Americans, a genial companion and a good speaker, followed Mr. Bonitz in a pleasing tribute to the Ladies of the Howard Relief Company. Mr. Thielen was given the most enthusiastic attention and the warmest applause.
Mr. Timothy Donlan, the oldest living member of the company, very pleasantly gave some "Old Recollections." He, too, was applauded again and again, his address having been much enjoyed.
"Our Young Members" was a toast responded to by Mr. Martin Rathjen, Jr., a son of Alderman Rathjen, and long the president of the Howard Relief. Mr. Rathjen responded most pleasingly to the subject assigned him and his address gave bright augury of the future of an organization which has been so distinguished and so noble. Later Mr. Rathjen was exceedingly happy in his response to still another toast, "The Ladies," which was one of the happiest and most pleasing of the evening.
Mr. C. W. Polvogt, who, like Shakespear, "never repeats," was on the programme for "Dissecting a Joke." He was called upon the night before and gave with hilarious effect a dissection of the joke and could not be prevailed upon to repeat the toast in even a part of the same presence last night. The menu embraced all the temptations of the season and was served as follows:
Salted Almonds, Celery,
Olives, Gerkins,
Cold Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce,
Silced Tongue, Cold Boiled Ham,
Chicken Salad, Potato Salad,
Cream Cake in Variety,
Fruits, Coffee, Apollinaris, Bon Bons,
Rhine Wine, Madeira.
Now that the glorious celebration is over, it should be said that the officers of the company and the anniversary committee deserve every praise for the magnificent success they have achieved. The officers are: President, Mr. J. W. Duls; Vice President, Mr. M. Schinben; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John G. L. Gieschen; Marshal, Mr. H. T. Duls; Assistant Marshal, Mr. H. L. Vollers; Second Assistant Marshal, Mr. W. H. Coleman; Guard, Mr. F. K. J. Fuchs. The Fiftieth Anniversary Committee was composed of Messrs. Martin Rathjen, Charles Schinben, H. E. Bonitz, M. G. Thielen, J. W. Duls, F. K. J. Fuchs, G. H. Gieschen, H. L. Vollers, and C. W. Polvogt.
The menu cards for both banquets were beautifully embossed in gold with old English text, the leaflets being caught with silk cord of blue and white, the whole being an artistic creation of the Wilmington Stmp Works.

SUICIDE IN CUMBERLAND.

Young Woman Placed Gun to Her Head and Picked Trigger.
Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following:
"This morning Miss Carrie Hair, daughter of Mr. Miles Hair, of Cedar Creek township, and granddaughter of John E. Hair, both men prominent citizens of the county, obtained possession of a gun in the house, and shot herself through the head, causing a most instant death.
"Miss Hair was about 25 years of age, and no possible cause can be assigned for her tragic act of self-destruction other than delicate health and a long existing state of melancholia. It is stated that at the time of her death she was engaged to be married."
To-day! Extra cars to the beach at 3:00 and 4:30 p. m.

IN FROM STRENUOUS CRUISE

Revenue Cutter Seminole Renders Valuable Service to Shipping Along Coast Following Recent Storms.
After a week's cruise, the most strenuous, perhaps, since she has been stationed at this port, the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, Capt. J. H. Quinn, arrived in port at 6 o'clock yesterday evening to spend the Washington Birthday season. Capt. Quinn, officers and seamen were tired and were glad when the ship was tied up for the night at the Custom House wharf.
On Sunday, 18th, about 15 miles southwest by south of Hatteras, the cutter sighted the derelict of the schooner Robert H. Stevenson, who was wrecked January 13th, on Diamond Shoals, only the masts of the dilapidated vessel appearing above water. The wreck being very dangerous to navigation, the obstruction to shipping was removed after three days of hard work, the lower two of the top-masts being cut away. The derelict having been towed into Wilmington yesterday evening.
The wreck of the Stevenson is very well remembered here. Capt. Higbee, who was drowned with his wife and two relatives, having been very well known in Wilmington. The vessel was loaded with coal from Philadelphia for Havana and Mrs. Higbee, two other ladies and a colored female seaman, were on board. The captain and crew of 13 were drowned. The only person saved from the wreck was Karl Sumner, a seaman, who was picked up adrift on a plank and taken into Savannah by the German steamer Europa.
The Stevenson was a four-masted schooner, 1,055 tons, and was owned in Boston. Lieut. Chiswell, navigating officer of the schooner, says with the exception of the masts saved from the wreckers were cut adrift, the hull being under 90 feet of water and, therefore, no longer a menace to shipping.
The cutter also reports having spoken on the 18th, in Lookout Light, of the schooner Mary E. Morse, Capt. J. P. Bridgeport, Conn.; Ruby and Besse, Georgetown, S. C.; to Bridgeport; Lydia M. Deering, Port Arthur to Philadelphia; David Baird, Fernandina to Philadelphia; Joseph H. Bennett, Brunswick, Ga.; to New York; J. Holmes Birdsall, Fernandina; Jose Alvarri, Savannah to New York; Warren Moore, Charleston to Providence; Robert C. McQuillan, Jacksonville to New York; Grace Seymour, Georgetown, S. C., to Bridgeport, all lumber laden. The McQuillan, 21 days out, was supplied with water and provisions; the Jos. Cooper, 10 days out from Beaufort, N. C., with provisions; the J. W. Manning, 14 days out of Brunswick, Ga., with water.
The Mary E. Morse at the time she was supplied with coal by the Seminole was using her deck-joint. The cutter will be dressed to-day in honor of Washington's birthday. A rainbow of International code signals will be extended from the bow to the stern over the masthead and otherwise there will be manifestations of the patriotic spirit aboard. This morning at 10 o'clock there will be sports on the deck for an amusing feature of the programme being a three-legged race. At 11 o'clock a series of boat races will take place.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Negro Murderer Captured—Pardons and Respite—Cape Fear Fishing.
(Special Star Telegram.)
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—Ben Williams, the negro Seaboard fireman, who shot and killed Charles A. Beagle, a white man, was arrested at Hamlet last night and brought here today to await trial for his life. He says he killed Clark in the "heat" of passion and that the negro under sentence to hang in Bertie county for the murder of his wife. Two respites have been allowed, the last being to March 1st. Commutation was urged on the ground that the negro's mind is very weak, but the Governor says he was fully conscious of the enormity of the crime which was committed.
The Governor pardons during good behavior John Staubs, Charles Pope and Gillespie and O. J. Arnette, sentenced to eight years each from Sampson county for secret assault. They had furnished evidence in the case of a principal offender and had been promised a lightening of the sentence after a portion of it was served. They have served three years.
Governor Glenn received today from the Board of Aldermen of the city of Fayetteville an appeal for his co-operation in inducing the State Geological Board and the United States Dept. of the Interior to purchase the land of the city of Fayetteville, which is being cleared of the waters of the lower Cape Fear from Wilmington to Fayetteville of obstructions in a similar manner to that they are doing for the city of Fayetteville. The Board of the city of Fayetteville has taken for a carriage drive over the city. A harbor trip on the steamer Marion had to be abandoned for want of a tug. The City of Fayetteville returned to the city from Chadbourn with the Wilmington party and will have this morning, accompanied by State Deputy Nutt, for an official visitation to the lodges at Sanford, Fayetteville and other points in that section of the State.
Improvements on the Wharf.
The Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking Company has just completed the building of the new dock at the foot of Grace street, which was recently leased from the city by the Clyde Steamship Company. The laying of the Belgian block on the foot of that street has already commenced and the improvements there in a short time will be very noticeable. The Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking Company has also very substantially repaired the wharf of the Worth Company adjoining the Clyde docks.
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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

District Meeting Held at Chadbourn Last Night Was a Great Success
SPECIAL TRAIN FROM HERE
Grand Chancellor Bernard Special Guest of Honor—Entertained Upon His Visit to Wilmington Yesterday—Addresses.
Wilmington and Southport Knights to the number of considerably more than a hundred attended the big Pythian District Meeting at Chadbourn last night. The party left the city on a special train of three cars over the Atlantic Coast Line at 6 o'clock yesterday evening and returned about 2 o'clock this morning. They report a great meeting and a most enjoyable social gathering. The guest of special honor was Grand Chancellor Alf. S. Barnard, of Asheville, who arrived in Wilmington on the Seaboard Air Line train early yesterday afternoon and spent several hours most pleasantly as a guest of the Wilmington lodges, leaving with the Knights on the special train for the District session where he was one of the principal speakers.
The special train was in charge of Capt. W. H. Newell, Jr., conductor, with Engineer George Boney at the throttle, both enthusiastic Pythians and clever railroad men. The run down to Chadbourn was very pleasant and clear and good time was made. At Whiteville a large number from the lodge there and many from the Clarke lodge joined the party, swelling the band of Pythians at Chadbourn to more than two hundred. At Chadbourn the visitors were most cordially received by committees from the local lodges, who exceeded even their proverbial hospitality.
The meeting was called to order by District Deputy Grand Chancellor John E. Littleton, who seated by appointment the following officers: Chancellor Commander, O. L. Clark, of Chadbourn; Vice Chancellor, J. M. High, of Whiteville; Prelate, C. R. Kriner, of Wilmington; Master of Work, T. H. Rambottom, of Chadbourn; Master at Arms, M. A. Crafts, of Southport; Grand Warrantor, W. H. Holmes, of Wilmington; Inner Guard, John Haar, of Wilmington; Keeper of Records and Seals, A. S. Holden, of Wilmington.
The visitors were cordially welcomed by Hon. J. A. Brown, the builder and architect of the town of Chadbourn, and the progressive community. The response was by Thos. McKeen, Jr., of the Wilmington bar, Col. Walker Taylor having found it impossible to get from Atlanta in time to attend the meeting.
Reports from all lodges in the district indicated good prospects. This followed an exemplification of the first rank work by a team from Richard Gaswell Lodge, No. 153, of Southport. The team was composed of Messrs. W. D. Sasser, A. A. Bush, M. A. Crafts, Alex. Nesbett, J. G. Bailey, James Holmes, Lee Kye, R. A. State, Deputy Nutt, for an official visitation to the lodges at Sanford, Fayetteville and other points in that section of the State.
The degree work over, an elegant repast was served by the Chadbourn brethren. During the course of the evening the following set addresses were made:
"Should the Initiatory Work as Now Conducted be Revised and How?"—H. L. Lyon, Whiteville.
"How the Lodge 'Drone' Can Be Made to 'Work'?"—Leslie B. Evans, Clarkton.
"Relation of the Lodge to the Community"—W. D. Sasser, Southport.
"The Pythian Press"—Dr. W. F. Robertson next introduced Wm. Alf. S. Barnard, Grand Chancellor of North Carolina, who was heard with great pleasure in an address of no great length, but especially befitting the occasion.
Grand Chancellor's Visit.
Upon the arrival of the Grand Chancellor yesterday at 1:45 P. M., he was met at the Seaboard station by committee from the city of Fayetteville. A special suburban car upon which the party went immediately to Wrightsville Beach enjoying an old fashioned evening repast and a most famous resort. The Grand Chancellor was entertained the hospitably of the Cape Fear by Dr. W. C. Galloway, from whom there is no more ardent Pythian in the State. The Grand Chancellor responded briefly and in his happy vein. He is mayor of the city of Asheville, an attorney of fine ability and an executive of strong capabilities. He came to Wilmington from Charlotte where he attended an elaborate reception and Pythian rally on Tuesday afternoon and evening in honor of the Supreme Chancellor and his daughter, who came over from Columbia to the Queen City, winding up an extensive tour of Southern cities. In the party to the beach yesterday were Supreme Master of Exchequer T. D. Moore, Past Grand Chancellor Robertson, Deputy State Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt, Messrs. W. O. Page, R. S. Collins, George W. Branch, R. Thomas, Dr. Galloway, and other prominent local Pythians. The Grand Chancellor was taken for a carriage drive over the city. A harbor trip on the steamer Marion had to be abandoned for want of a tug. The City of Fayetteville returned to the city from Chadbourn with the Wilmington party and will have this morning, accompanied by State Deputy Nutt, for an official visitation to the lodges at Sanford, Fayetteville and other points in that section of the State.
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LOCAL DOTS.

The Piano Club will meet to-night in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. A full attendance is desired.
John Watson, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was arrested by Policeman W. R. Appleberry yesterday afternoon and will be tried by the Mayor at noon today.
By deed filed for record yesterday the Hydraulic White Brick Co. transfers to Andrew Smith and wife, for \$10 and other considerations, property at southwest corner of Second and Harnett streets, 6x336 feet in size.
William Weston and Paris Williams, colored drivers, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman E. J. Grimley charged with speeding around down-town corners. They will be arraigned before the Mayor at noon to-day.
For four nights next week the Davis-Goodwin Stock Company will play an engagement at the Academy of Music. The town was billed for the attraction yesterday. On Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday matinee "Buster Brown" will be the offering.
Fayetteville Observer: The Fayetteville Fire Company has contracted with the Pierce Amusement Company to furnish the attractions and amusements for a "Firemen's and Merchants' Gala Week" in this city from April 9th to 14th. The city of Goldsboro has contracted with the same company for the same purpose.
Savannah News: James W. Harris, a white man 30 years of age, is detained at police station on the charge of attempting to swindle E. A. Well & Co., by means of a fraudulent check given in payment for purchases made. Harris says he is a native of Faison, N. C., and that he is a nephew of Charles U. Harris, who was defeated for chief executive of that State by Gov. Glenn.
An officer is expected here today from Summerton, S. C., to take back with him to Colleton county a negro named Will Adams, charged with disposing of four bales of cotton upon which there was a crop lien to T. S. Logan, a merchant of Summerton. Adams had been fireman on an A. C. L. yard engine here and was identified by Grandison James, a colored man, who was sent up to locate him. The arrest was by Deputy Smith and Justice Begemann.
FIRE AT RETREATING THIEF.
Officer Newton's Early Morning Chase After Wharf Burglar.
"The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong," was exemplified in an exciting chase which Officers M. P. Newton and W. M. Harris were led up Front street by a negro thief at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Officers Newton and Harris were on duty on the wharf and near the foot of Chesnut street discovered a negro in an attempt to get in the front door of Fennell & Hunt's store. They were tipped off by the wharf gang a closer range on the would-be thief when another negro sleeping in a small office heard the whispered conversation of the officers and unwittingly threw a door open. At this the negro became alarmed and put off Chesnut street; then down Front toward Grace street. On Front street Officer Newton fired five shots from his pistol at the retreating burglar. Instead of stopping the flight the crack of the revolver gave wings to the fugitive. At the Y. M. C. A. the negro sped down the hill to Chestnut street out of sight among the railroad cars further up.

PENNSY REPORT DENIED.

Doesn't Want to Acquire Coast Line—Its Policy.
Interests controlling the Atlantic Coast Line deny the published reports of a few days ago that the Pennsylvania Railroad would take over the A. C. L. The Pennsylvania's policy is declared emphatically not to go south of Washington, D. C. Even before the denial by official circles, the report gained very little, if any credence, in well-informed railroad circles here, the headquarters of the "Greater Coast Line."
Account of the Reunion of the Blue and the Gray to be held in Southern Pines, the Seaboard announced a rate of \$3.55 from Wilmington for the round trip. Tickets on sale February 23 and 24, with final limit the 26th. For further information apply to C. H. GATTS, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C. W. B. ROSE, C. T. A., Wilmington, N. C. Feb 22 till 24.
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TO THE PUBLIC.
I am informed that some people are circulating the report that I am accusing the police force of being implicated in the robbery of my store on the night of February 18th and I wish to most emphatically state that I have no knowledge whatever of the parties and exonerate the policemen on that beat.
G. F. QUINN.
MASONIC NOTICE.
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By Order W. M.
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