

OUTLINES.

Near Pittsburg yesterday four persons were killed and 25 injured in a collision between a passenger train and a gondola coal car, which had run out from a siding to the main line—The double murder of Abe Cohen and Miss Anna Markovitz, near Dayton, O., on Monday, and the criminal assault on the young woman, is veiled in mystery—At Garner's, eight miles from Raleigh, at 8 o'clock last night, a passenger and a freight train had a head-on collision; 3 were killed and several injured—Four miles from Dallas, Texas, yesterday a train was derailed and five people seriously injured—The Government charges that since its suit was instituted at Wilmington, Del., against the Powder Trust papers have been taken out of the records in the recorder's office—Judge Pritchard delivered the address of welcome when the annual convention of National Shorthand reporters convened in Asheville yesterday—Henry Francis Lynch, a marine of the United States battleship Georgia, has been strangely missing since Saturday night—The Columbia Amusement Company at Pine Beach, adjoining the Jamestown Exposition, has gone into the hands of a receiver—Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, arrived in Paris yesterday from other European centers where he is investigating the immigration question—Monsignor Falcomi, Papal delegate, is presiding at the 25th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus which convened at Norfolk yesterday—In New York yesterday a party of visitors who ran over and killed an Italian boy with a touring car, were driven from the machine by a mob which attempted to burn the automobile—New York markets: Money on call steady 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2 3/4, closing bid 2 1/2, offered at 3; spot cotton quiet 13.25; flour quiet and lower to sell; wheat easy, No. 2 red 95 elevator; corn easy, No. 2, 61 1/2 elevator; oats firm, mixed 54 1/2; turpentine firm 59 1/2; rosin firm.

To listen to the plaints of the officers of the Standard Oil Company, it would have the appearance of being the slandered Oil Company.

Lest it be forgot—Senator Philander Knox and former Secretary Leslie M. Shaw regard themselves as candidates for the Republican nomination for President.

"Geo. B. Cortelyou is still nursing his boom for the Presidential nomination," says an exchange. We should say that if any of the booms need nursing, it is George B's.

Says the Newbern Sun: "But some people would not be happy, even though they had the world weeping with them." Between that kind of folks and the hyena class, the lives of many others are made miserable.

James B. Ayres, 28 years old, son of General Rufus A. Ayres, one of the wealthiest and best known men of Virginia, was arrested at Bristol for stealing whiskey out of the Southern Express office. It was decided that the young man was insane and he was sent to an asylum. He probably got crazy drunk after stealing the liquor.

In Michigan a man has actually gone into the courts to recover possession of his mother-in-law, who, he claims, was abducted. Some people might think the Michigan man is simply furnishing material for a joke, but how do we know but that his mother-in-law had been doing the cooking and washing for the family?

This we take from yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Wilmington's prosperity also gets a place on the tax books. The increase is a million and the county tax rate has been reduced." As a matter of fact, the increased valuation in the county of New Hanover is \$1,677,245, and it must be remembered that Wilmington is practically the county.

Because of the failure of the S. A. L. train from Hamlet to make connection at Maxton the Red Springs Citizen says: "We are still in the outside world, so far as mail connections and railroad facilities are concerned." Why, we supposed that the mails from Wilmington reached Red Springs every day except Sunday about 11 o'clock A. M. If not please advise us.

Remarks the Raleigh News and Observer: "The close vote in Mississippi opened the eyes of those who thought Vardaman would not black the board. He has made a fine Governor and is honest, capable, courageous. Mississippi does not honor men lacking in patriotism and in character. That has been its habit since it became a State." The Star is glad that John Sharp beat Vardaman, but that does not keep us from wondering how little some newspapers know either of Vardaman's character or ability.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH

Hearings in Railway Rate Litigation Before Standing Master is Postponed.

GOVERNOR FROM EDENTON

Congressman Kitchin Will Reply. Convicts for Mountain Road—Commissions in National Guard. Monument to Wyatt—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., August 6.—Standing Master W. A. Montgomery will begin his hearing in the railway rate litigation at Washington on August 15th, instead of August 10th as first announced. The postponement of the case was at request of counsel for the Southern. Some of the State's counsel in the case express the opinion that the railroads will pursue a policy of delay and procrastination all through the hearing unless they are prodded through the litigation. They say that both sides have agreed to a speedy determination of the cause and they will insist on it.

Governor Glenn returned today from Edenton where he delivered a prohibition speech and says that the election will be carried by the temperance advocates. He will be here until Sunday getting executive affairs in shape so that he can attend the Jamestown Exposition during North Carolina Week.

Congressman W. W. Kitchin was here last night on his way to Morganton to make a speech in the interest of his candidacy for Governor. He says he will shortly make a statement in reply to certain newspaper criticisms of him. He will reply to the Charlotte Observer at a speech he is to make at Dixie, Mecklenburg county, August 29th.

At a meeting of the Council of State this morning The Transcontinental Railway Company, was granted fifty convicts from the penitentiary to be used in the construction of an important link in this great railroad undertaking from Waynesville to the Tennessee line, a distance of about thirty miles. Representative D. L. Boyd, of Waynesville, was here to close the deal with the State authorities, he being a director in the company.

Commissions were issued today to R. H. Doughdy and C. W. Taylor as lieutenant junior grade and ensign respectively in the First Division Naval Reserves Newbern. Also a commission to Dr. H. A. Bass as first assistant surgeon at Henderson.

Mr. John A. Mitchner, of Selma, spent the day here in the interest of the movement for the raising of funds for the erection of a suitable statue of Wyatt, the first man killed in the Civil War, a North Carolinian. He says excellent progress is being made and great things are expected from the public meetings for raising funds which are to be held throughout the State September 21st and 25th.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 6.—A special term of the United States District Court, Judge Thomas R. Furnell, presiding, was convened at Beaufort today for the trial of peonage cases in which E. A. Kline, a contractor of construction on the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad is defendant. The alleged peons are eleven foreigners who were brought from New York and employed by Kline. Since complaint was made and investigation of the Department of Justice three weeks, the eleven men have been detained in jail as witnesses, being unable to give bond for their appearance at the trial.

Today when the court convened, Judge Furnell charged the grand jury specifically as to peonage and then adjourned the court until tomorrow.

Lieutenant J. H. Weddell, of Newbern, was here today completing with Adjutant General Robertson details for the movement of the North Carolina Naval Reserves to the Jamestown Exposition North Carolina week. There will be two hundred men and officers principally from Newbern, Wilmington, Windsor and Elizabeth City.

Silk Petticoat Sale.
Today the C. W. Volvrog Company will offer silk petticoats worth \$7 to \$8.50 for the sum of \$4.75 each. Only one will be sold to a customer, so only 75 persons will be able to secure this bargain. None will be sent on approval. They are made of heavy Taffeta Silk. Crowds are attending the final reduction sale every day. Prices have been made so low and cut so deep that no trading stamps will be given away during the entire sale.

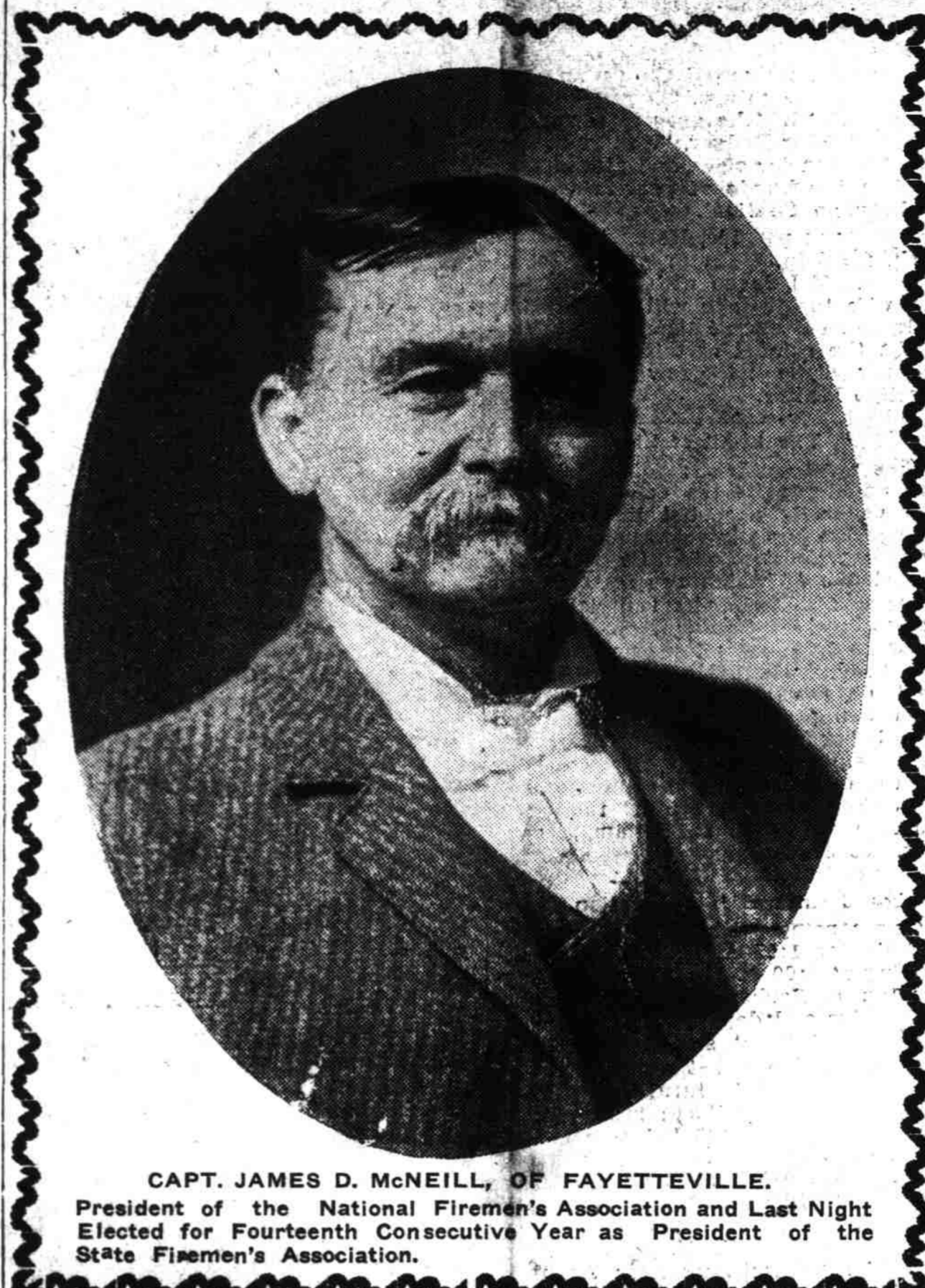
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. Hargrove Taylor—Olive Oil.
Major J. C. Horner—Horner's Military School.

Business Locals.
Lost—Canary Bird.
Notice—Automobile Parade.
Male Stenographer—Position Wanted.

High Grade Upright piano, new, at a sacrifice cash or on easy terms. Address F. L. Weatherly, Room 31, Purcell House. au 6-3t

25 per cent. off on all Clothing this week at Rehder's.



CAPT. JAMES D. McNEILL, OF FAYETTEVILLE.
President of the National Firemen's Association and Last Night Elected for Fourteenth Consecutive Year as President of the State Firemen's Association.

ANNUAL CONVENTION FIREMEN OF STATE

Sessions Yesterday Largely Attended and Most Representative in History of Organization—Election of Officers and Annual Reports—Notes.

The twentieth annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association came to a close last night with the election of officers for the ensuing year and the reference of the matter of the place of next meeting to the Executive Committee for decision later. Three sessions of the convention were held during the day, and to quote President James D. McNeill, for fourteen years at the head of the Association, it was the largest and most representative body of firemen that ever assembled in the State. The morning session opened at 11 o'clock and concluded with intermissions, shortly after 3 o'clock, the delegates and visitors boarding special trolley cars for an excursion to Wrightsville Beach, returning in time for the concluding deliberations, beginning shortly before 9 o'clock and concluding between 11 and 12 last night. The matter of chief interest was, perhaps, the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville.
First Vice President—A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury.
Second Vice President—J. Frank Maddy, of Durham.
Secretary—W. C. VonGlahn, of Wilmington.
Treasurer—R. C. Taylor, of Winston-Salem.
Statistician—W. P. Monroe, of Wilmington.

Although the matter was not definitely settled last night, it is probable that the next convention and tournament will go to Newbern. The Association has grown so in numbers and influence lately that few of the smaller towns and cities care to undertake the entertainment of the body, and it was thought best to disregard all invitations for the present and leave the matter in the hands of the executive committee to entertain proposals later and make up a decision as to the place of meeting.

The Convention Sessions.
The convention sessions were held in the elegantly appointed hall and club of the Improved Order of Red Men, which was handsomely decorated and equipped with every convenience for the dispatch of business, electric fans being placed at all convenient stations in the room. With inspiring music from the Salem Band and the waving of bright colors, the shouting of greetings one to another, the convention hall presented an animated scene when President McNeill rapped for order yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock and the 20th annual convention was declared duly organized. President McNeill, arrayed in spotless white, gracefully spoke a few words of introduction and presented the Rev. Thos. P. Noe, of the Episcopal Church, who offered a very fervent prayer. Following the invocation

President McNeill introduced Mayor Wm. E. Springer, who in behalf of the city, extended a cordial welcome to the firemen and visitors. The Mayor made a pleasing reference to the industries and resources of Wilmington, paid a graceful tribute to the firemen of the State, tracing the history of the volunteer organizations from the earliest dawn of civilization to the present, bidding all a cordial welcome to the city and to the pleasure resorts hereabout. The Mayor's address was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause and gave way to two very eloquent responses, the one by Hon. Locke Craig, in behalf of the firemen from the West, and Mr. S. M. Brinson, of Newbern, for the "boys" from the East. There were also pleasing opening addresses by Representative Chas. U. Harris, of Raleigh, and Mayor A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, the latter first vice president of the Association. President McNeill himself made a most eloquent little address at the conclusion of the preliminaries and declared the convention open for business. The roll call of Secretary W. C. VonGlahn, of Wilmington, showed nearly every department in the State represented not only by delegates, but by many chiefs, assistant chiefs, superintendent of water works, chairmen of fire committees and officials of like character allied with the fire fighting strength of the several departments.

Assistant Chief W. P. Monroe, of the Wilmington Department, was appointed sergeant-at-arms of the convention, and the first business was the appointment of the credentials committee, which was composed of Messrs. S. G. Barnard, C. A. Moses, J. F. Jordan, E. E. Bain, J. W. Thurmond, A. B. Horney and D. F. Wooten. The annual reports were next read, that of President McNeill being first and a splendid paper, which was received with great applause and adopted by the convention. This excellent report is printed in full on the fifth page of today's paper. The other reports were those of Secretary VonGlahn and Treasurer Taylor. That of the treasurer shows that there has been paid out in benefits to firemen and their beneficiaries the sum of \$1,781 during the past year. Secretary VonGlahn showed in his report that the membership of the Association is at present the largest in the history of the organization, consisting of 1,200 men in 37 towns and cities, with 74 fire companies. The receipts during the past year were necessarily the largest in the history of the convention, and the finances are in good shape in every way.

When these matters had been disposed of and announcements had been made, the convention took a recess until 2:15, when the credentials committee made report showing the largest attendance ever recorded at a State meeting. This report was not

TOURNAMENT TO-DAY STATE TRAP SHOOT

Street Parade and Inauguration of Races For Three Days' Events.

LARGE NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Engine Contests and Horse Wagon Races Concluding With Firemen's Ball at Lumina Tonight. Notes of the Big Meet.

All is in readiness for the magnificent street parade of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and the opening events of the State and Inter-State Tournament, which will take place in this city today. Final arrangements were perfected at the convention session of the Association last night and enough is seen to guarantee that the big meet here is going to be one of the most successful ever pulled off in North Carolina. The number of entries for the several events is large and some of the fastest teams in the world are here to participate in the races and the various other contests in connection with the tourney.

The street parade will form at 9 o'clock this morning at the City Hall under the direction of Colonel J. VanB. Metts, chief marshal, of Wilmington. It was decided at the convention last night that the apparatus from all parts of the State would take their line in the pageant according to alphabetical order of the town or city from which they come, headed of course by the Salem and Fort Caswell bands, which latter organization will arrive this morning. The route of the parade will be as follows: Up Third to Red Cross, to Front, on Front to Orange, thence to Third, down Third to Nunn, up Nunn to Fifth, moving north on Fifth to Brunswick, down Brunswick to Fourth moving South on Fourth to Grace, thence to Third and City Hall.

Marshals and members of parade committee are requested to meet Chief Marshal at City Hall at 8:45 o'clock.

Immediately following the parade the engine contests will take place at foot of Market street. The entries are as follows as officially handed in last night: Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, Newbern and Raleigh.

The big event of the entire tournament will take place at Fifth and Bladen streets at 2:30 this afternoon. This is the Horse Hose Wagon races for which there are 16 entries, the largest number on record. The entries are Elizabeth City, Capital Hose No. 3, of Raleigh, Newbern No. 1, Rocky Mount No. 2 Asheville Nos. 1 and 2, Rescue No. 1, Raleigh, Kinston, Caswell company, Goldsboro No. 1 and Eclipse, Durham No. 2, Statesville No. 1, High Point No. 1, Atlantic Newbern, Concord No. 2, Independent Hose Company No. 2, Salisbury.

For the hand and grab reel races tomorrow and Friday, the following are the entries: Chapel Hill No. 1, Morganton, Graham No. 1, Salem Fire Department, Salisbury, Southside, Raleigh Fire Department.

For the hook and ladder contests Friday only Asheville No. 1 and the Womble Company, of Raleigh, have entered.

President McNeill is insisting on all events being pulled off on time and with dispatch so as to be as considerate as possible of the spectators and every effort will be made to facilitate the races.

Notes of the Tourney
The excursion from Durham over the Seaboard yesterday brought about 500 people who are here to witness the races today. The excursion returns to Durham this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The game of baseball this afternoon at Hilton will be between the Monarchs of the City League and Durham, Green and Moore forming the battery for the locals. The hour is 4 o'clock and the public is invited.

The game of baseball between Caswell and the Rattlers yesterday afternoon was won by the home team in a drizzle of rain, the score having been 12 to 4. Quinney and Jones did the firing for the respective teams and were greatly handicapped by wet balls.

Burlington Hose Company, No. 1, is here in charge of Foreman John T. Love. They came in a special car and are eighteen in number, all displaying their colors in the form of ribbon badges bearing the legend "Burlington Hose Company No. 1." The car in which they travelled is placarded in the same manner.

Newbern is unusually well represented at the tournament and will certainly carry off some of the honors of the tournament.

There are two companies represented the Buttons and Atlantics. The Buttons are represented by Tom Davis, Henry Howell, John Suter, Will Hoover, Dan Smaw, Fernie Gaskill, W. T. Brinson, Ed. Parsons, Neil Smith, Arthur Willis, W. F. Cash and Mr. Harrison. They are registered at The Orton. Among the Atlantics are: Dwight Stron, H. E. Royall, J. H. Nelson, Edwin Richardson, Fred Thomas, Matthew Hall, Sam Coward, Will Dowdy, Jamie Tolson, Chariton Parsons, Carl Bartling, Garrison Farrow, Leo Smith.

The Howard Relief Company, that grand old organization of volunteer firemen which a year or two ago cele-

Many Experts Arriving For Inter-State Event on Gun Club Grounds Here.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZE LIST

Special Trophies Will Be Offered From Manufacturers—Good Team From Charlotte to Participate—Other Notes.

There are many arrivals already for the Inter-State Gun Club Tournament which will be given tomorrow and Friday on the grounds of the local club in connection with the Firemen's Tournament. Everything is in readiness for this event and the local committee is looking forward to a most pleasant affair. There will be a practice shoot this afternoon at 3 o'clock and all are invited to come out and try the traps. The regular tournament will begin promptly at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and will continue until all the regular and special events have been shot. Arrangements are being made to serve lunch on the grounds so that the entire day may be spent on the grounds.

For each day there is ten regular events with \$100 added money. A special event on tomorrow will be a shoot for the handsome vase given by the Hunter Arms Company, mention of which was made several days ago. The event will probably be 100 targets, this to be announced later. For an Ithaca gun given by the Ithaca Arms Company, of Ithaca, New York. Among the experts here for the tournament, are Mr. J. Maxwell Hawkins, the expert from the Winchester Arms Company, who was secured through the efforts of the J. W. Marchison Company, and Mr. E. H. Storr, of the Peters Cartridge Company. Charlotte will send down a good delegation as may be seen from the following from yesterday's Charlotte Observer:

"Charlotte will be represented at the big shoot in Wilmington Thursday and Friday by the following named members of the local gun club: Messrs. C. C. Bates, E. F. Creswell, W. P. Strange, J. W. Todd, J. E. Crayton, F. M. Sawyer and W. G. McPhee. The local contingent will be well trimmed for the tournament, for each one has been doing considerable shooting lately in the matches held recently for the trophy cups."

There are also here and coming for the tournament such well known shots as Barnes, Wallis, Sims and Keilite, of Wilson, with others from all over the State. The indications are that the meet will be a success in every way.

brated its fiftieth anniversary, will entertain all of the visiting firemen who will come to their handsome club building at Front and Orange streets tomorrow night. The entertainment will take the form of an informal smoker and all visitors are expected to be present. The Howard Relief is known far and wide for its delightful hospitality and all who attend the smoker tomorrow night may be assured of a very pleasant occasion.

The Star office day force enjoyed a delightful serenade from the Salem Band yesterday morning. They have a capital organization, make a splendid appearance on the streets and have already captivated the hearts of the thousand of tournament visitors. The boys make fine music and will be heard from in the parade today and at the races this afternoon and tomorrow.

Chairman Frank Herbst, of the Automobile Parade Committee, announces the automobile owners will assemble with their machines on Market, between Fifth and Sixth streets at 8:45 o'clock this morning to line up for the parade. There are a number of entries and this feature of the parade is expected to excite a great deal of interest as the first of its kind ever attempted in Wilmington.

The Concord Company, which is encamped at Sixth and Red Cross streets, has about sixty men here for the tournament and they are the jolliest of the jolly. Along with them they have a clown band, which is contributing no little to the fun-making at the tournament. The band consists of twelve pieces directed by Professor R. L. Keesler, and composed of the following: Lewis Hartsell, Albert Freeze, Evan Hitcock, Archie Goodman, John B. Alexander, Joe Morrison, Jere Hall, Lloyd Odok, L. C. Biles, W. A. Hall and Roy Spappenfeld. The band has a special uniform of the quaint and fantastic order and are very much in evidence.

Mr. H. D. Burkholder, of Charlotte, is with the Charlotte delegation at the tournament and is of course receiving a cordial welcome at his old home. He is one of the old volunteer boys and is always interested in whatever is doing in the fire fighting line. Charlotte has a paid department now and, of course, has no team to take part in the contests, but were represented yesterday by delegates at the Association.

See the souvenirs at Rehder's. Special bargains Fireman's Week.

Today Silk Petticoat Sale for \$4.75 at Poulvrog's.