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THE WELCOME WEEK.

Never within the history of Wil-

mington have so many people been

gathered within her gates as were

here during the four days of the

Welcome Week, never a better-be-

haved and more good-natured throng

brought together anywhere. Most of

them came on pleasure bent, and they

had it. There was no one of all the

multitude that came and went that

did not feel well repaid for their

coming, and Wilmington has the sat-

isfaction of feeling that her guests

were well entertained, and that her

reputation for old-time, generous

hospitality has been handsomely sus-

tained. In a commercial way she

Business was, of course, an ele-

ment in the inspiration which sug-

gested the Welcome Week, and the

originator of the happy thought

has blazed the way to what if fol-

lowed up with the same spirit that

characterized the efforts to enter-

tain the visitors within the past

the best and most favorably known

cities in the South Atlantic States.

Many of our larger cities have their

annual festive weeks to draw the

people to them. Baltimore has her

Oriole, New Orleans her Mardi

Gras, Charleston her Gala Week,

Atlanta her Piedmont Exposition,

and other cities have their Agricul-

tural and Industrial fairs and other

special attractions to draw. They

spend thousands of dollars in ad

vertising, displays, parades, &c., to

draw the people and entertain them,

and they find that it pays, for it it

did not they would not follow it up

Our Welcome Week was in the na-

with the cordial and patriotic co-

operation of the citizens it culmi-

nated in a success that far surpass-

ed the brightest expectations of the

There is no one who now doubts

Wilmington's ability to successfully

accomplish anything she undertakes,

and there is no citizen of Wilming-

ton who is not prouder of her to-day

than he was the day before she

threw wide open her gates and so

cordially welcomed and superbly en-

tertained the multitudes who -came

from far and near-at her invitation.

What was so happily conceived,

auspiciously begun, handsomely and

brilliantly conducted from opening

be permitted to become merely a

be followed up, and the Welcome

States will begin to look for it and

wish for its coming. Let it become

the Gala Week, of Charleston,

and instead of being hurried, as this

one was on account of the short time

intervening between its inception

and execution, let time be taken to

devise and perfect plans embracing

entertainment a cast of originality

fame. Considering the large num-

to this city on such short notice and

faction that all our visitors felt and

expressed, there is not the slightest

another Welcome Week and send

her invitations out broadcast, fifty

thousand people would respond,

they came.

come, enjoy themselves and be glad

We don't know whether to system-

ize it and make the machinery eas-

year after year.

most sanguine.

has been more than renaid.

288888888888888 \$238868888888888 19 Months. 5588888442888888888 82888888888888 cotton. This is not only good sense, but it is good, sound Democratic doctrine. Let the Alliance move on 3285540-000-0040522 that line, and on the line where it refers to the "discriminating financial system," and move for the repeal of the ten per cent, tax on State banks of issue, thus remove the impediment to the establishment of State banks, and remedy, to some Entered at the Post Office at Wilmigton, N. C., a SUBSCRIPTION PRICE. money scarce, dear and hard for the The subscription price of the Weekly Star is

DISCUSSING COTTON.

At the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union at Indianapolis number of resolutions were offered and discussed bearing upon the depression in the cotton-growing industry and the remedies. In pursuance of a resolution offered by Mr Marion Butler, President of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, that a committee be appointed consisting of one delegate from each of the cotton-growing States to take into consideration and formulate some plan by which the "cotton growers may be able to some extent at least to regulate the quantity, consumption and marketing time of whe cotton crop," the committee was appointed and made a standing one to make a final report at the next annual meeting.

· Several resolutions were intro duced relative to acreage, marketing &c., for which the committee offered the following, which contains the gist of the others, as a substitute :

the South are greatly oppressed because of the depressed price of the raw material, caused, in a measure, from combines and speculations in futures, but mainly from an unjust, oppressive and discriminating financial system and a high protective tariff on manufactured cotton material: and

WHEREAS, It is now alleged by speculators and combines that over-productions is the prime cause of depression in prices, when, in fact, we have reason to know that the cause is not over-production, but under-consumption caused by inability to buy, resulting from advanced prices of manufactured articles of cotton and other causes as stated above; and

WHEREAS. It has been recommended by members of the Farmers' Alliance several States in the cotton belt, that the acreage be decreased by the growers. and knowing, as we do, that the price of the raw material cannot be affected by the loyal Alliancemen alone of the many thousand growers decreasing their acreage, while, in fact, the effort to thus reduce the quantity would actuate thousands of growers to increase their acreage in cotton.

Therefore, as one of the remedies to secure an advanced price in raw cotton material by cheapening the manufactured products, and thereby increase the ability of the masses to consume; be it Resolved. That the National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, representing the best interests of the producers and consumers of America alike. do respectfully ask that Congress entirely relieve manufactured articles of cotton from any tariff duty whatever, and place the same on the free list of American products.

When the Alliance passes resolutions like those it gives evidence that it is getting down to business and is getting an insight into the inwardness of the cotton trouble. The resolutions attribute the depression to close, should not end here and and the low prices of to-day to a "discriminating financial system and | pleasant memory. The idea should the high protective tariff on cotton goods." This is true as far as it Week of next year be a better, more goes, but it don't go far enough. attractive and grander one than this While demanding that the tariff be removed from cotton goods it should also have demanded that the tariff be reduced on the machinery with which cotton goods are made, on one of the institutions, so to speak, the implements with which cotton is as the Oriole, of Baltimore, the cultivated, the bagging with which | Mardi Gras, of New Orleans, and it is covered and the ties with which it is bound in the bales, all of which reduce the earnings on the cotton

It is gratifying, however, to see that the Alliance is at last waking up to one feature of the enormity of such novel features as will give the the protective tariff, so-called.' The framers of these resolutions are and uniqueness that would add to quite right when they declare that the attractions and spread their the high tariff reduces the consumption of cotton goods by raising the ber of people who were drawn price to a point at which the poor can't buy, which they cannot do at limited advertising, the grand sucthe prices based upon the McKinley | cess of the varied entertainment for tariff; but we think they are wrong | the four days, and the hearty satiswhen they declare that there is no over-production, when, as a matter of fact, the increase in the produc- doubt that next year if it be antion is out of all proportion to the nounced that Wilmington will have increase of population. It is overproduction all the same, when the producers raise more than they can

sell, whatever the causes may be. They don't seem to think, however, that a reduction of acreage would be practicable, for the reason that when one planter reduced his lier to run, it wouldn't be a good idea acreage, if this policy were decided to organize a Welcome Week Assoupon, another would increase his, ciation to be composed of citizens under the belief that the reduced representing the various business incrop would bring big prices and terests and enterprises of the city, thus the acreage would be kept up which with its respective comdespite the understanding and effort | mittees could arrange the plans, proto reduce it. The most effective vide the ways and means, etc., early way, they think, to increase the enough to give ample time to carry price of cotton is to remove all tariff out all the details for a grand profrom cotton goods, thus enable peo- gramme next year and to advertise Aside from the average quest erally known that these Welcome well as winter.

Weeks are to become annual affairs tion there is good, hard, common sense in this, for the fewer restric- the people who desire an enjoyable recreation will make their arrangetions there are upon the traffic in cotton, the greater the traffic will be. ments accordingly and shape their and the greater the traffic the more business so that they can come, and thus many will come who might not money to the man who raises the

be able to do so on short notice. Time and system are material factors in carrying out such things effectively and smoothly. The more time the better for the people we invite to come and the better for those charged with planning and carrying out the programme of entertainment, not an easy task even when genius, energy, liberality and extent at least, "the discriminating patriotic pride unite zealously in financial system," which makes the work, as they did in this happy experimentel venture.

WHAT IT HAS DONE.

Welcome Week Increases Busines Brings New Customers, and Cement Old Ones-Another An Assured Fact.

The smoke of battle has cleared away, accounts have been audited, the ledger has been balanced, and the debts and credits of Welcome Week are known of all. The resultant impression produced on the minds of business men was sought by a STAR reporter yesterday and is given briefly below:

Messrs. George R. French & Sons wholesale and retail shoe house, think it was decidedly the most enlightened thing of the sort ever attempted and the best in present and prospective benefits to business. Trade during the week in their line was extraordinarily good. About \$50,000 were left in the city, that would not have come but for the occasion. An annual repetition is a necessity, and with more time for preparation every thing will be on a more extensive scale. Subscriptions will flow in more freely next year.

Morris Bear & Bros., wholesale dry goods, believe the money subscribed was well invested. Trade, with them, was better than their most sanguine expectations led them to hope for, and they are well satisfied with results. week, will make Wilmington one of With more time we will do better next year and another W. W. is a fixed fact. H. C. Evans, wholesale and retail

shoe store, knows it was a huge success. His business was largely increased; money subscribed was well expended. He wants one next and every year.

Brunhild, Simon & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, say their trade was increased on account of the affair. They are in favor of another and a bigger next year, and may be counted on for material assistance. This was a poor crop year. Had it been an average one the success would have been more marked. Giles & Murchison, wholesale and retail hardware, are favorable to another next year. The W. W. as an attraction

think it paid. ' Williams & Robinson, wholesale and ture of an experiment, suggested retail carpets, &c., sold goods to people they never heard of before, some of and carried out on short notice, but them right at the gates of Charleston. No money was ever better invested. Bound to repeat next year on a bigger fashion. They are enthusiastic adyo-

for visitors was a big success. They

cates of an annual W. W. Gleaves Hardware Co., wholesale only, believe strongly in the vast benefits already derived and yet to accrue to the business interests of the city. Next year we will have more money and a greater show.

Rheinstein & Co., wholesale dry goods, say their books show an increased trade: the affair was a success and should be repeated annually.

S. H. Fishblate, clothier, received at least \$2,500, or \$3,000 more than he would have gotten without the W. W. He saw men drawn hither he had not seen in eighteen years. We just can't do without it.

Chesnutt & Barrentine, wholesale and retail shoe house, advocate a larger thing next year. No money could have been so well spent, they got customers they never saw or heard of before; their new wholesale customers out of the was; the year after, still better, until State were quite a feature of the week. the people of this and surrounding Of course they want another.

> Brown & Roddick, wholesale and retail dry goods, notions, &c., report an mmense trade, the money brought good returns and we must have larger Welcome" next year.

E. Warren & Son and Barrentine & Furlington, fruiterers and confectioners, claim a big trade. They will have daisy floats next year

M. M. Katz & Son, dry goods, no tions, &c., affirm that the week brought them a large trade and they got more than the worth of their money expended or it. Must have another and better show with more time for preparation. Sol Bear, wholesale dry goods, re-

nother effort for next year. D. Newman & Son, wholesale dry goods, say an increased trade was at racted that would not have come otherwise; must repeat in 1892. They will have a big float and give more

money next year. W. E. Springer & Co., wholesale and retail hardware, did not expect very great immediate benefits, but are well city. tisfied with their trade. They subour hospitality. This year it was good; next year it will be better, and the city

has been benefitted, I. L. Greenwald, retail shoe store, did not count on much benefit in his line, but is content; thinks the city was benefitted, and every year ought' to see

another. F. H. Sneed & Co., furniture house, estimate that at least \$100,000 were brought to the city during the week. Mr. Sneed was reliably informed that thirty-six country merchants, by actual count, were in a store on the wharf at | axe men, was suddenly confronted by a the same time. The firm sold goods as deer. Seizing a transit rod. Swain fast as they could ship them; would plunged it into the deer, throwing the ple to buy more freely, and it, without hurrying or being cramp- double their subscription next year, with his knife. The deer was being purthus increase the consumption. ed for time. When it becomes gen- and wanted "W. W." in the spring as sued by a couple of hunters, who had

H. H. Munson & Co., clothiers, though a little late for them, are well satisfied with sales; are anxious for another in 1892, and will have a grand-float.

J. C. Stevenson & Taylor, wholesale grocers, were not in when the reporter called, but it can be safely stated that the W. W. has no stronger friends or warmer advocates.

C. W. Yates, book store, thinks his business reaped a good share of the fruits of the week and he wants it con-

Pickpockets in Prison Wm. E. Harris and J. I. Darlington are the alleged names of two white men of the light digital persuasion who were placed in durance yesterday in the city

Willie Smith, with the Navassa Guano Company, awoung man about eighteen years of age, came out of the Bank of New Hanover about 11.80 a. m. with \$500 in bills and a \$25 check. He went across to Alderman & Flanner's store with the money in the pocket of his sack coat and his hand on it. There was a large crowd standing at the door and feeling some one knock his hand out of his pocket, he at once felt

and found the valuable wad missing.

He looked into the face of one of the men and told him some one had stolen his money. The man grew excited and offered to help him search. When told he was suspected, he said he would go to The Orton and be searched. Geo. G. Lewis, Jr., saw the two men standing back of Smith and followed them to the Postoffice, and deserves credit for having them arrested by Sergeant J. D. Orrell, officers A. W. Wiggs and C. A. When they reached the City

Court room, Harris, walking near the Sergeant's desk, dropped the \$500 in the drawer where it was found afterwards. Upon being searched Harris had a double case gold watch and gold chain and a peculiar charm, a fac simile of a five dollar gold piece, with "3" instead of "5" dollars. The watch was numbered 11,007,375, and was an Elgin. He had also a five hanery, 29 Hadrick street. Darlington had a silver watch, No.

1,352, gold chain and similar charm, also a lady's leather card case. It is thought these men belong to a gang of thieves now in the city and it is well to be on the lookout for them.

COMPETITIVE DRILL.

The Hornets Nest Rifles Win the Prize The competitive drill for prizes took place at the base ball grounds yesterday afternoon. The judges were Maj. Stewart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, Lieut. M. M. Patrick, U. S. A., and Col. W. C. Jones, Second Regiment N. C. S. G. The companies entered were "C" and "G" of the Second Regiment, and the prize was awarded to Company G, the

Hornets Nest Rifles, of Charlotte. The score was 84. The prize, \$125 in money, was presented to the winning company at dress parade held on the grounds after the contest by Col. W. C. Jones, in a few

appropriate remarks. The visiting company left for home last night.

A Big Business.

Alex. Sprunt & Son made a parade yesterday afternoon at 3.30 that was notable as representing one of the largest enterprises in the State, the Cotton Compress and exporting of cotton. A handsome model of a full-rigged steamship was mounted on a float, and adorned with flags and other decorations. Preceding was Miller's band, then came members of the firm in carriages. Following were 150 or more stevedores and cotton compress hands carrying cotton stalks peeping from

Then followed a long line of colored employes carrying transparancies, each stating the name of the ships that had been loaded at the Champion Compress docks and the number of bales of cotton

The display was well worthy of the largest like industry in the South, and was universally admired.

Committed for Trial. The preliminary examination of the two pickpockets who last Thursday robbed Wm. Smith, the young messenger of the Navassa Guano Co., of \$530 in bills that he had just drawn from bank, took place before Mayor Ricaud yesterday in the City Court. The prisoners, who gave their names as J. E. Harris and J. P. Darlington, were represented by counsel, Mr. Herbert McClammy, of this city, and Mr. Lewis, of Whiteville After a prolonged and patient hearing the Court decided to hold the prisoners for trial at the next term of the Criminal Court, and fixed the bond of aach at \$250. Being unable to give bail the prisoners were committed to jail, and the witnesses were recognized for their appearance. Darlington refused to give ports greatly improved trade and favors his residence; Harris said he lived in Baltimore, but declined to state what business he was engaged in. Both men are well dressed, are of good appearance, and no doubt are expert thieves.

Deputy Marshal J. Hunt lodged G. F. Blizzard in jail in this city last night at 12 o'clock, arrested on a warrant sworn out by Postmaster French of this

scribed liberally and favor a repetition. 18 years old, and is charged with break-It brings new men who will be sure to | ing into the postoffice at Keith's, Penmake customers when approached by def county, in September, and stealtrade solicitors, as they have enjoyed ing \$10 worth of delivery stamps. Soon after he bought a pair, of shoes from Lee Register, of this city and paid for them with the stamps. He has been a fugitive since and was cleverly traced by marshal Hunt to Lake City, S. C., and there arrested yesterday and brought on last night. Blizzard had several aliases-Gardner, Franklin, and W. H. Davis.

Captured a Deer.

The Southport Leader says: "Last week while working in a cut made through the bushes for the B., W. & S. survey corps, George Swain, one of the shot but not disabled it."

THE TRADES TURNOUT.

ZENITH OF GLORY FOR WELCOME WEEK ATTAINED.

The Various Business Interests of Wilmington Attractively Represented in the Parade - The Procession a Mile Long-Inspiring Music from Splendid Band Chariots.

Well, the management of the Grand Welcome Week for everybody, gratuitously offered by the business men of Wilmington, have crossed the Rubicon of doubt and danger and emerged from the gloom of possible failure in scoring for the culminating event, the trades parade, a stupendous success. This was the grand feature about which all others paled into puny insignificance. Therewere so many rocks and treacherous shoals upon which this especial event turned, upon which it might go to pieces, such as likelihood of rain, that all most nearly and dearly interested, drew a long breath of most satisfactory relief when it was over and victory crowned this supreme effort.

It is no small thing to get up, engineer through and pilot into the haven of safety an enterprise like this praade proved to be. It was gigantie in conception and glorious in achievement. In compassing its fruition the Parade Committee and all other subordinate helpers, by no means leaving out Capt. W. R. Kenan, chief marshal, and his efficient corps of assistants, are deserving of the city's thanks and upon their brows should repose the laurel crowns. But they could have accomplished nothing without the active and hearty cooperation of the citizens who gave liberally of their means and provided the trades display at their own individual expense. And all this, with their time, was unstintedly given. So to these be the honor and glory.

Wilmington's star was propitious; the rain did not fall to crush the life out of the procession, and praise for the city is glib and frequent on the tongue of every visitor, for whose edification the spectacle was arranged. And these waiting dollar bill and several dollars in silver. on-lookers were grouped and massed in eager to catch every phase of the entrancing and kaledioscopic picture. At least 25,000 people gazed delightedly on the long procession.

THE PARADE. According to programme, the floats

began forming on Market, east of Tenth street, shortly after 8 p. m., and started off in the following order: First, the Second Regiment Band in

gaily decorated wagon headed the procession and cheered up the marchers and spectators with fine specimens of their best music. Then came the Executive Committee

in carriages, and after them a platoon of

After these, at the post of honor to which these gloriously, clever young meu were pre-eminently entitled, followed the Wilmington Association of Commercial Travellers. They are not only the pioneers of trade, but they make trade for the city, and but for their genial cleverness they would not succeed in this. Therefore, the best and brightest of the youth of a community are selected to represent the business thereof. The boys are always good looking and tastefully garbed, but they appeared peculiarly well last night in a uniform, consisting of silk hats, blue checked ulsters with capes, and carrying in one hand a gripsack and in the other a cane. Another noticeable feature was the greatest cheering and most extensive and enthusiastic waving of feminine handkerchiefs was observed when the trade tourists approached. The noble army of drummers was led by Drill Marshal O. P. Cazaux, and the following comprised the band marching in two ranks with torch bearers on either side: J. D. Bell, Owen F. Love, J. S. Burnett, J. McK. Tolar, W. J. Hendersou, J. W. McRae, C. D. Foard, W. H. Gilbert, O. P. Cazaux, I. Swinson, L. P. Best, Geo. V. Strong. B. F. Lee, A. W. Middleton, W. D. Pugh, J. J. Sternburger. Will Slocomb, F. Sturn, J. M. Bear, Geo. W. Chesnutt. C. C. Covington, T. H. Thompson, Joe Newman, L. Weill, Ino. L. Breckenridge, B. T. French, W. J Carter, J. C. Dunbar, Harry Webb, J H. Mallard, W. B. Cooper, A. H. Burr, H. H. Waxman, J. H. Lewis, E. L. Downing, F. Myers, R. E. Ward, I. Bear, R.W. Price, Sigmon Bear, W. P. Boney, J. G. Bagwell, John K. Williams, M. W. Jacobi, J. A. Crews, J. F. Whitaker, W. H. Carr. G. Dannerbaum, J. B. Mercer, J. N. Jacobi, R. H. Cowan, J. H. Kinsey, J. D. Regan, C. B. Ledbetter, A. L. Mc-Donald, Phil. Pearsall, Albert Hay. reporter's observation.

Some names may have escaped the A LOVELY TABLEAU. The next in line was Wilmington's corporative contribution, in the form of

a magnificent Oriental chariot decked with flags, covered with a rich canopy and illuminated by Chinese lanterns and flambeaux and occupied by thirteen as charming and beautiful houri as ever drew breath to bless this balmy Southern clime. Each represented one of the original galaxy of States and bore in her hand a flag and wore a shield imprinted with the coat of arms of the State she represented.

Miss Bettie Creasy personated North nated on both sides of the float. Carolina and was the central figure, and Alderman & Flanner, a showy float, about her were most seductively grouped Misses Genie Southerland, representing New York; Fannie Poisson, Georgia; Mary West, Connecticut; Elizabeth Weill, Massachusetts; Augusta Ortman, New Jersey; Annie McIver, Virginia; Blanche Thompson, Pennsylvania; Annie Ray Mayer, Delaware: Corinne King, New Hampshire; Florence Willis, South

Sykes did the "Uncle Sam" act. The Second Division was led by the Germania Cornet Band with twenty instruments in a gorgeous shell-shaped chariot with seats graduated to the back

Carolina; Alma Williams, Rhode Island;

Maggie Bagg, Maryland, Mr. John

the gallant musicians in a most captivating way. The vehicle was drawn by

four horses wearing gorgeous trappings, and was covered with variegated bunting and many flags. It made a picture long to be remembered The Southport Cornet Band also rendered delightful music, but unfortunately they were not provided with a

conveyance. THE FLOATS. The Atlantic Coast Line displayed three exceedingly handsome floats, with everything in the best taste and the acme of appropriateness, all denoting the energy, enterprise and enlightened public spirit of the managers. One float exhibited a transparency with mono gram "A. C. L." on one end, and a fac simile of the "Atlantic Coast Despatch" as the letters appear on the real ventilated cars; two mounted engines were shown rushing down the track goddess holding the scales of Justice between them. Ceres also appeared, seated on a bale of cotton, holding a pen and tablet. The third float was designed by the officials and clerks of the A. C. L; it was drawn by six horses with fancy covers and "A. C. L." in red letters on the covers, attended by six officers in full regulation uniform. The float represented a pavilion and was decorated with Chinese lanterns in different colors, with appropriate emblems of rallway service. A big headlight in front bore out the illusion, and regular train signals were displayed in proper colored lights, and a tellow might well fancy he saw before him a magnificent

vestibule train passing in panorama This display elicited great admiration. The Seaboard Air Line was most appropriately represented by a most elaborately and beautifully decorated float upon which was a splendid and realistic freight car, drawn by four horses, decorated with covers. On top of this was an engine, tender and cars, with every part perfectly reproduced in wood. The doors of the freight car were open and inside could be seen the freight packages. The car was the size of a narrow gauge car with S. A. L. conspicuously inscribed, and also "New and Direct Route to the West, by Way of Wilmington; open 1st January, 1892." It was all decorated and filuminated with torches and was a conspicuous feature

of the show. Messrs. Geo. R. French & Sons' float was a raised platform or dais, some four feet high, on the sid of which was the name of the firm in large gilt letters, and 1822 to 1891 in same style of letters, showing date from commencement of business to the present time. Mounted on the dais or raised platform was a large slipper of latest pattern and style seven feet long and three feet high, with a French heel one and a half feet high, and this slipper was gilded and had a handsome bow over the instent the whole being on white ground which

gave it a very handsome appearance. The Gleaves Hardware Co.'s turn out s deserving of special mention. One float was a tall pedestal, draped in black with red trimmings and on this was an anvil and old Vulcan with his striker hammering away on his anvil. It was drawn by six caparisoned horses with postillions a ttheir heads. The chorister and Vulcan were in ancient garb, as were the postillions and torch bearers. The second wagon carried hardware

H. L. Fennell, the Horse Milliner, displayed his business most suitably with his large papier mache gray horse harnessed to a buggy and other harness goods, well decorated and lighted with Chinese lanterns.

Wm. Cumming's float showed a man working at making mattresses. M. M. Katz & Son's float represented the Eifel tower gaily illuminated and hung about with lanterns in different colors, and showed up his large business

Messrs. Sol. Bear, Jr., had samples of dry goods, notions, clothing, etc., loaded on his float in illuminated boxes. W. H. Robbins & Bro. were represented in good utilitarian fashion with their mammoth wagon for hauling ship

timber, and a log swinging as it is carried. All was attractively draped. S. A. Schloss & Co.'s float exibited a iberal display of dolls and other fancy articles, and a bountiful show of bunting and lanterns. The Wilmington Paper Co.'s float

was made up of all sorts of samples of papers, surrounded with flags and lan-T. C. Craft's furniture store was well represented in a handsome parlor suit, five cabinet pieces and reception arti-

cles, in a surrounding of flags and bunt-

Chestnut and Barrentine adopted the pleasantly familiar illustration of Mother Goose and had a big shoe illuminated and with the historic old woman inside with her numerous progeny.

Taylor's Bazaar's float was a "cute" conception, with Santa Claus on top of a chimney scattering presents; the whole orightened up with gay decorations and

Rheinstein & Co. had a very fetching apanese float, prettily decorated with ounting and illuminated with Chinese

Sam Bear, Sr., made a most creditable display of tobacco and a big tobacco bag-all illuminated. B. F. Penny had a well conceived

float of singing boys, and some knocking bones. It was decorated with Chi-R. Portner Brewing Company had a display of beer bottles, with flags and

Hanby & Russell represented their business with a transparency of a pile driver and men building a trestle, at work on a wharf and housebuilding in rear. J. C. Stevenson & Taylor had a handsomely decorated and inscribed float

representing the wholesale grocery trade. S. H. Fishblate, as usual, came well to the front rank in a float artistically decorated and elaborated in illuminations, with colored cloth lanterns showng, and above all appeared prominent, 'Fishblate, King Clothier." Jas. D. Nutt, druggist, had a six-angle transparency. with "Promptness, Purity,

scales and mortar. perched on it. Morris Bear & Bros.' float, drawn by three horses, showing a wholesale dry goods merchant's counting room with cashier, shipping clerks, type-writer and drummers, with the firm name illumi-

Precision," inscribed thereon; a pair of

representing a farmer boy holding the handles of a plough; a "Carolina" stove with cook baking and throwing biscuits out; a hunter who fired his gan at intervals. It was drawn by four horses. W. H. Yopp, the fish dealer, had a solid two-hundred-pound ice block with fish floating around it and men roasting

and opening oysters.

W. E. Springer & Co. had a float finely descriptive of the wholesale hardware business. Below it was brilliantly illuminated with calcium lights; on top were lamp-posts and lamps, a belfry adorned with hardware and studded with bull's eye lanterns and a bell ring-

ing on top. There was also a corn sheller and a large North State axe sus-The Atlantic Coast Line shops were

portion, presenting the gay-uniforms of represented in the parade with a corps of artisans, with appropriately inscribed branches of work. It was decidedly one of the very best and most commendable features of the show. Each shop was in

charge of a foreman. R. M. McIntire's float exhibited a lace parlor with chenille porteires and moquette and Brussels carpets, Turkish rugs, and with "Welcome Our Country Cousins" and "Industry and Art" in-

P. H. Hayden had a showy float, with harness making, blacksmith shop work and buggy manufacturing going on. West & Co's float was a transparency stating that the firm was established in 1871 and other clever advertisements, surmounted with flags, bunting and

W. R. Morrison had a float with grain and bales of hay, with boys sitting on them carrying torches; also, a colored man and woman husking corn. H. Cronenberg had a nice float, dec-

orated and with an artist sitting in front of an easel. I. C. Stout had a transparency with corps of workmen following with torches.

The Palmetto Brewing Company had their decorated wagon in the parade. Giles and Murchison had a most at tractive float, displaying cutlery and other articles of hardware tastily decorated and illuminated. Fore & Foster presented their saw

and plaining mills on a very large float brightened up with transparencies and other decorations. C. M. Whitlock represented his interests with paints, oils, &c., with an illuminated and adorned float.

The Standard Oil Co. displayed barrels of oil on a very large, decorated Sneed & Co. had a beautiful parlor set in a boudoir of laces and with handsome carpets, all brought out in their best

colors by a liberal illumnination from Chinese lanterns. Flags and bunting finished the pretty picture. S. & B. Soloman had a fanciful float representing dry goods, notious, &c., and

a corps of clerks aboard, with transparencies and lanterns. Alex. Sprunt & Son's industry is noted elsewhere, only it was illuminated in the night procession.

J. A. Springer represented his business very well, with four carts loaded with wood and coal and boys bearing torches. Transparencies showed of cleverly his important line.

Hall & Pearsall represented their wholesale grocery business with a float on which were barrels of flour and Christmas goods, aad many decorations vantage.

Burr & Bai'ey showed a most attractive float, with an engine covered with white canvas, with whistles blowing. Yopp Bros. were represented by a transparency with fancy specimens of

The Industrial Manufacturing Company had an appropriate business float, displaying the various articles of their manufacture, consisting of wooden butter dishes, artistically arranged, strawberry crates and baskets, diamond market baskets, orange, banana and grape boxes and baskets, and specimens of their other products. It was their misortune to have their float break down before reaching the starting point.

Rhodes & Bowden very cleverly represented their butcher's stalls with pens of live animals, including a wild doe, and fat beeves driven behind.

J. Naumburg's float was prominent for a large silk hat with boys inside and a witch sitting on the brim with this egend displayed There was an old woman who lived in

She had many boys, who tried to deceive her, And when during Welcome Week, their heads oot like blocks. she sends them to Naumburg's and

gets them a 'Knox.'"

The Glories of Welcome Week Close With a Carnival and a Whirl of Wheelmen Carrying Colored Transparencies-Visitors Returned Home.

THE CURTAIN FALLS.

The curtain may be said to have fallen on the testivities of Wilmington's Welcome Week, given wholly for the enjoyment of her visiting friends, with the carnival last night. She invited all; she welcomed all, and spread before them so delectable a bill of rational fare that she trusts all who came this time will come again next year.

Then, with more time for preparation and accumulated wisdom gathered by the light of the lamp of experience, she will be able to offer a series of amusements and wonderful spectacular delights, compared with which the contrast will be like that between a lightning bug and the brightest star that studs the cerulean canopy of heaven's

So, with her heart in her hand Wilmington waves an adieu to all visitors who have honored her with their presence on this occasion and assures them the welcome awaiting will be as warm at any time. She trusts that their stay has been pleasant and that they will come early, often, and renew acquaintances, which they will do if she has proved as pleasant to them as they have proved to her. The latch string hangs conspicuously, prominently and permanently on the outside for her visi-

The entertaining features for the week ended with THE CARNIVAL AND WHEELMEN'S PA-RADE.

The wouth of the city, not to be outdone by their elders, concocted a carnival. which was carried out at 8.30 o'clock. Headed by the Second Regiment Band, the cavalcade started at the intersection of Seventh and Castle streets, proceeded thence down Castle to Front. up Front to Red Cross, countermarching at Red Cross down Front to Mulberry, up Mulberry to Fifth, down Fifth to Princess, up Princess to Eighth, down Eighth to Market, and thence down Market to the band stand, on Pearsall

The wheelmen, numbering twenty-five, joined the Carnival at Front and Castle and accompanied the parade up Front street as far as Red Cross. The band was in a wagon, panoplied

over with decorations in gaily colored bunting, decked with flags and illuminated with flambeaux, and to say the Second Regiment Band made it is compliment enough for the music rendered. The carnivalists were grotesquely masked as harlequins and ferocious ani-

The wheel men made a giddily, gracetul display as they glided over the streets, like arial nymphs, carrying from nine to eighty gaudily colored Chinese lanterns. Mr. C. H. Cooper alone carried a Christmas tree bearing 80, and Mr. J. L. Yopp a variegated parasol, from which depended 36.

The cavalcade with their animal and steel studs passed like a dream of delight, and all was over.

As Others Saw Us.

With one accord they all say Wilmington's big show was immense in elements of perfection. A lady, now visiting in the city, was in Charleston during the gala week, and says Wilmington had a much better show and more visitors.

Mr. A. S. Winstead, confectioner, on Princess street, attended the Charleston festivities, and affirms that ours was much finer, drew more people, in his opinion, and furnished superior amusements.

The Charlotte News says:

Parties who arrived in the city this morning from Wilmington, say that the Welcome Week was really a fine success in all respects. The crowd was the greatest that Wilmington has known since the war. The trades display that took place last night was a particularly fine leature. Capt. Robertson says that it would have done credit to Baltimore.

And in the same issue : The Hornets Nest Riflemen speak, most enthusiastically of their trip. They were treated royally by the people of Wilmington and their stay there, though necessarily brief, was exceedingly pleasant. A year or two ago, Wilmington's boys in gray came up here and pocketed the first money, and it is only fair that

the Hornets should have retaliated. The Goldsboro Argus testifies as All of our citizens who attended Wilmington's Welcome Week report have

ing had a most enjoyable time.

The Rice Mill Combine. According to the Savannah News, the rice mill owners have about come to the conclusion that the proposed rice mill combine has been abandoned. The options expire to-morrow, and nothing has been heard yet from the syndicate's representatives looking to a close of the

It is known that Hamilton Disston and John D. Rockefeller, American capitalists, were interested in the deal. Both are large holders of Florida lands. and it is supposed they expected to inaugurate the cultivation of rice upon a large scale. Mr. Disston was in Savannah about three weeks ago upon this business, and went from here to New

A Worthy Reward.

G. S. Lewis, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. G. G. Lewis, is quite a hero, having won his laurels by his efforts in securing the arrest of the men who are charged with robbing Willie Smith. cashier of the Navassa Guano Company's office, of \$530. The alleged pickpockets have been bound over to court, and yesterday the Navassa Guano Company presented young Lewis with a watch and chain as a reward for his clever detective service. The watch has "G. S. L." engraved on the case.

Stocks of Naval Stores

Stocks of naval stores at the ports at the close of the week are reported as

Spirits turpentine-Wilmington, 2,491 casks; New York,1,205; Savannah,15,646; Charleston, 1,407. Total, 20,749 casks. Rosin-Wilmington, 20,105 barrels; New York, 14,028; Savannah, 95,087; Charleston, 14,430. Total, 150,447 barrels. Tar-Wilmington, 1,711 barrels; New

York, 545. Total, 2,256 barrels. Thanks to All.

Without invidious discriminations, or distinctions, the STAR, along with the citizens of Wilmington, thanks each and every individual member of all the committees of Welcome Week for the boundless success they achieved, and in so short a time, in preparing entertainments for the vast multitudes who have visited the city during the week.

bestowed. They have won their honors worthily; may they wear them well, - The Register of Deeds for this county has the pension warrants for

Unstinted praise should be heartily

to call and get them. THE TOBACCO BELT.

all pensioners, and they are requested

A Great Day in Booky Mount-Fine Display of Tobacco-Premiums Awarded-Land Sale-A Grand Banquet.

[Special Star Correspondence.] Rocky Mount, the Queen City of the astern tobacco belt, vesterday added another laurel to her brow. It will ever be an eventful one in the annals of her history. The floors of the three large warehouses were literally covered, with the finest weed ever grown in the State; or may say ever grown in the world. After judging the specimens to be awarded premiums, the sale opened and continued until afternoon to-day, with

prices running high. The display was magnificent and has proven to be a grand success. After the sales the premiums were awarded and paid off in gold at 2 o'clock p. m. Below we append the list as awarded: Farmers' Warehouse-White Wrappers-First premium, \$50; L. B. Moore,

Edgecombe county. Ellington Warehouse-Second, \$40; T. T. Aycock, Wayne county, Eagle Warehouse-Third, \$80; Taylor

Ricks, Nash county, Bright Mahogany-Farmers' Warejouse-First premium, \$50; R. D. Arm-Eagle Warehouse-Second, \$40; H. T.

Knott, Sr., Granville county. Dark Mahogany-Eagle Warehouse, first prize, \$50; Dr. A. B. Nobles, Edgecombe. Farmers' warehouse, second premium \$40; L. B. Moore, Edgecombe. Best Mahogany—Farmers' warehouse. first, \$20; Batchelor & Holman, Nash. Best Bright—Farmers' warehouse, first \$20; Wesley Williams, Halifax. Cutters—Eagle warehouse; first \$30; Taylor & Ricks, Nash. Farmers' ware-house, second \$20, C. A. Williams, Hal-

ifax. Eagle warehouse, third, \$10, Dr. A. B. Nobles, Edgecombe. The amount of tobacco sales was as ollows:

Eagle Warehouse.........43,830 Farmer's Warehouse47,858

The Land Company sold 14 lots to-day at nearly \$5,000. The sale opened late in the day. R. R. Cotton, Pitt county, received the largest check, \$75, for the largest

display. The grand banquet at the Hammond mals and their approach was heralded Hotel last night was a success and a by resounding cachinnations from the most enjoyable affair.