

Table with columns for various items and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

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DEBT-HIDDEN NATIONS.

There is not a nation in the world today which is not burdened with debt, and the tendency is rather to an increase than to a decrease of those debts.

One nation arms and this forces others to do likewise; one adds to its fleets of fighting ships, this forces others to do likewise, and thus it goes, increase of armies, increase of navies and corresponding increase of national debts.

They might as well try to keep back the tide with a pitchfork as to nullify this amendment by judicial process, for there is nothing to base such a process on.

Table showing debt of various countries: England, France, Germany, Prussia, Austria-Hungary, Hungary, Common debt, Italy, Spain, Grand total.

To this is to be added the debt of the United States, about \$1,900,000,000; of China, over \$200,000,000; of Japan, we do not know how much, which will run the total up to nearly \$26,000,000,000, and still leave unreckoned the debts of the minor countries in Europe, and the Latin Republics South of us.

In thirty-three years, or an average life-time, this country has paid off about one-third of its debt, which is now on the increase at the rate of about \$200,000,000 a year, or the increased expenditures are about that amount, which is practically the same thing.

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THE MASONIC FAIR.

Committees to be Appointed at Joint Meeting of Masons Tuesday Night.

MR. NOBLE F. MARTIN HERE.

Will Lay Plans for Fair Before Wilmington Masons—Will Have County Fair and Japanese Village—Valuable Donations.

During the week the movement for holding a big Masonic Fair in the city will be fully launched and the Masons of Wilmington will leave no stone unturned for making the occasion a tremendous success.

In conversation with a member of the Star staff, Mr. Martin said last night that while his plans are not fully formulated, it is certain that the fair will be open November 13th to 25th in the Masonic Temple.

Suppers will be served to the public every night of the fair, and there will be dancing in the superb dance hall, which is a feature of the new Temple. Mr. Martin has his office for the present in room No. 41 at the Orton.

The fall session of the Wilmington Presbytery, which was held at White Plains from Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock until yesterday at 10 A. M., when adjournment was taken until Wednesday before the first Sunday in April at Faison, N. C.

THE FALL SESSION OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Successfully Held at White Plains—Thursday, Friday and Yesterday—Every Evidence of Great Success.

Rev. A. D. McClure and Rev. P. C. Morton returned yesterday from attendance upon the Fall session of the Wilmington Presbytery which was held at White Plains from Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock until yesterday at 10 A. M., when adjournment was taken until Wednesday before the first Sunday in April at Faison, N. C.

A memorial to the late Rev. K. McDonald was read by Rev. A. McFadden. Mr. Eugene B. Carr, of Wallace, was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a ministerial student and dropped from the role of candidates for the reason that he has entered upon the study of law.

Rev. R. Murphy Williams was elected trustee for Davidson College and agent for the Bible course, and Rev. W. M. Shaw was selected agent for Church and Christian Education. The Presbytery appointed Revs. R. H. Lancaster, W. M. Shaw and Mr. H. Henry Farrar to install Rev. R. Murphy Williams at Rockfish on the fourth Sunday in October at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

THE \$800,000,000 THAT HAVE BEEN PAID.

But this is the only country that has made any serious effort to pay its public debt or materially reduce it. They have generally contented themselves with paying the interest if they could, for failure to pay interest means a forfeiture of credit and the inability to borrow more money when needed, and that probably has more to do with the paying of the interest than national honor or honesty has, for nations have little honor or honesty when it comes to matters of debt.

And yet we hear a great deal about the "good faith," "the honor" and "the honesty" of nations, and the demands from the self-constituted custodians of the honor and honesty of nations that they discharge their obligations in gold, when not one of them is able to do it or ever will be or has the remotest intention of doing so.

THEY CAN'T ATTACK IT.

The New York Sun is now a rabid Republican paper. It has, we think, a correspondent at Raleigh, who essays to keep it informed on political events in this State. We suppose the following, which the Raleigh Post clips from the Sun, followed by appropriate comment, is based upon information furnished by the Raleigh correspondent:

"Some question has been raised as to the constitutionality of the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Constitution disfranchising colored voters. A careful study of it by Republican lawyers is said to disclose the fact that its provisions do not contravene the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or abridge the rights of the black man to vote on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, but simply establishes a qualification of suffrage. It is pointed out that several hundred colored voters qualified to the suffrage in North Carolina prior to 1867 will be protected in their rights under the proposed amendment, which in this particular makes no discrimination and establishes no color line."

BULLDOZING THE BOER.

It is quite evident that the purpose of the Chamberlain party is to bulldoze, if they can, the Boers into the acceptance of the British demands without qualification. At first the complaints came from the Outlanders (which practically means the Englishmen residing in the Transvaal) that they were not accorded political and commercial rights enjoyed by the Boers. Concessions were made in these and some reforms were instituted.

That the franchise is not a serious cause of complaint is shown by the statement of President Kruger that there are now in the Transvaal fifty thousand aliens who are entitled to the franchise under the seven years residence requirement, and yet, although they are registered very few of them have availed themselves of it, and those that have are mostly Africa-born. But the Chamberlain party now seem to have planted themselves on the concession of British authority, refusing to discuss the treaty of 1884, which practically means that the Transvaal Republic must admit that it is British territory and exists as a Government by British suzerainty.

HE PROTESTED AGAINST THE DELAY IN BRINGING MATTERS TO A HEAD, AND SAID THIS DALLYING MIGHT CAUSE A "REACTION" IN ENGLAND.

He is the gentleman who on departing for South Africa, which he asked what he proposed to do, replied, "If you saw a pile of \$500,000,000 of gold and an armed Boer sitting upon it, what would you do?" A very significant answer and very suggestive of the animus of the British schemers in this whole business.

It is an ill wind that blows no good. The high price of beef is creating an extraordinary demand for cheese, and the dairymen are in clover. About the time the hankering for cheese is fairly developed some cusses will form a trust on that and up will go the price. Cheese is not immune from the trusts.

President McKinley has "gracefully" declined to be present at the Dewey reception in New York. That was thoughtful. Mr. McKinley doesn't like to play second fiddle to a frolic.

According to the New York Tribune, there are 250,000 people in Porto Rico who must be provided for until the next crop comes on.

DIED YESTERDAY MORNING.

Mr. H. A. Tucker Relieved of His Suffering in Death—Funeral With Odd Fellow Honors.

Mr. Harry A. Tucker, who was so severely burned by the explosion of a lamp at his hotel in Charlotte Thursday night died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning from the effects of the injuries received. A telegram to Capt. J. M. McGowan, secretary of Wilmington Lodge No. 139 I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Tucker was a useful member, conveyed the sad intelligence to the deceased man, many friends in this city. The telegram was sent by Mr. Robert Tucker from Hamlet, while on his way to Wilmington with the body of his dead brother.

Mr. Harry A. Tucker, who was badly burned at the Charlotte Hotel Thursday night, died this morning at 3 o'clock from his injuries. It was learned soon after the accident that he was an Odd Fellow, and the Odd Fellows of the city gave him every attention possible yesterday and last night. His brother, Mr. Robert Tucker, arrived here last night from Wilmington, and had completed all arrangements for taking his brother to Wilmington this morning at 5 o'clock. Mr. Tucker was conscious yesterday for a few moments, when the effect of the opiates was wearing off. He said he was aroused from his sleep the night before by the explosion of the lamp. Mr. Moore, proprietor of the hotel thought the lamp had not exploded, but that Mr. Tucker had knocked it over. Mr. Tucker said: "I had been asleep." Just how the accident occurred will now never be known. The man's injuries were considered serious from the first. He was dreadfully burned in the side—this wound caused his death. The affair is truly a deplorable one. Deceased was highly spoken of by all who knew him. He was steady, quiet and a most estimable man in every respect.

The following committee of Odd Fellows met the 12:05 o'clock S. A. L. train yesterday and escorted the remains to the Rock Spring Hotel, where Mr. Tucker made his home. While in this city: Messrs. G. T. Bland, I. Shrier, J. H. Boatwright, Thad F. Tyler, W. C. Smith, W. H. Gaden, J. W. Monroe and M. Kirschbaum.

The deceased was in the forty-first year of his age and was unmarried. He was born in Cornwall, England, and had spent about 12 years of his life in Wilmington at Goldsboro, at which place he conducted a branch of his marble business here. He leaves a father, Mr. Wm. Tucker, of Cornwall, Eng., and three brothers, Mr. R. D. Tucker of this city and his partner in business, and Messrs. William and James Tucker, of Millford, Mass.

The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Rock Spring hotel by Rev. A. S. Barnes, pastor of Market Street M. E. Church, and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the pall bearers being from the fraternal orders of which he was a member, as follows: Past Grand James W. Monroe, Frank Myers, J. M. McGowan and I. Shrier, of the Odd Fellows, and Messrs. Kelly Jewell, C. A. Stead and E. J. Grimsey, of the Heptasophs, and Mr. M. P. Taylor, a friend.

Odd Fellow burial rites were observed by Noble Grand B. J. Jacobs and Chaplain J. M. McGowan.

DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST C. C. R. CO.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., counsel for L. C. McKay, of Brunswick county, yesterday instituted suit in Superior Court against the Carolina Central Railroad Company for alleged damages to the plaintiff's property near Phoenix, N. C., in the burning of a large area of forest land, fences, etc., by a fire said to have been started by a spark from an engine of the defendant company. Although the complaint has not yet been filed, Mr. McClammy says that the complainant will ask for \$1,500 damages.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES RECEIPTS.

Those of Cotton Far in Excess of Corresponding Period Last Year.

A comparative statement of the receipts of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington was posted at the Produce Exchange yesterday, as follows: Week Ended September 15, 1899—Cotton, 11,096 bales; spirits, 812 casks; rosin, 2 barrels; tar, 169 barrels; crude turpentine, 61 barrels.

Week Ended September 15, 1898—Cotton, 4,707 bales; spirits, 594 casks; rosin, 3,879 barrels; tar, 1,401 barrels; crude turpentine, 109 barrels.

Crop Year to September 15, 1899—Cotton, 15,337 bales; spirits turpentine, 18,891 casks; rosin, 63,336 barrels; tar, 26,730 barrels; crude turpentine, 5,925 barrels.

Crop Year to September 15, 1898—Cotton, 5,563 bales; spirits turpentine, 77,553 casks; rosin, 85,955 barrels; tar, 29,370 barrels; crude turpentine, 5,863 barrels.

A noticeable feature of the statement is the great difference in the receipts of cotton for this year and those of the past year, not only for the week, but also for the crop year up to September 15th. The heavy receipts are probably due to the forwardness of the crop and the favorable weather for picking in the up country, as it has been established for some time that in the territory tributary to Wilmington the crop is approximately one-third short.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

A Review of the Week's Business on the Local Market.

There was an advance of one-half cent in spirits turpentine on the local market yesterday, closing quotations having been posted at the Produce Exchange at 45¢@45½ cents, with receipts of only 49 casks and one of the market firm. The market opened during the first of the week at 43¢@43½ cents, but a steady advance for the past several days has been experienced and the close of the present week has left the market slowly creeping up to the unparalleled prices realized about the middle of August. Rosin continues firm with sales at 90¢@95 cents and tar at \$1.30. For the first time in several weeks there has been activity in the hard grade of crude turpentine and the quotations yesterday were very firm at \$1.30 per barrel for hard and \$2.50 for virgin and dip.

The receipts of cotton yesterday were the heaviest of any single day this season, 3,232 bales having been brought in on the various trains and transportation lined up to noon. The market is quiet steady at 5¢ cents for middling, as against 5¢ cents on the corresponding date last year.

A typographical error in the statement of the receipts of naval stores published in the STAR yesterday gave those of spirits turpentine for the crop year to September 15th, 1898 as 77,553, when it should have been 17,553 as compared with 18,891 for the corresponding period this year. The daily receipts of rosin, tar and crude were also given for those of the week ending Friday.

LOCAL SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

List of Vessels Reported Having Cleared for Wilmington—Cotton Steamers.

The New York Maritime Register of this week gives the following record of vessels which will arrive at the port of Wilmington during the next several days: British steamer Marian, 1,218 tons, Martin; arrived at Manchester August 31st, for Wilmington and Liverpool, Bremen or Ghent. British steamer J. C. Ramsey, 1,029 tons; sailed from Havana August 31st. Schooner J. Percy Bartram, 320 tons; Lord; cleared Havana September 1st for Wilmington, Port-au-Prince and New York. Brig Caroline Gray, 289 tons, Meader; at South Amboy, Sept. 12th. Norwegian brig Argv, 584 tons; Arentsen; sailed from Pernambuco August 25th. Norwegian barque Rosentus, 532 tons; Bogerud; passed Dept. for Wilmington Sept. 1st. Norwegian barque Skuld, 913 tons; Hamburg; to Wilmington; cleared Shields Sept. 1st.

Accident to the Steamer New York.

The Clyde steamer New York, which sailed from Wilmington Saturday last, lost her rudder off Cape Hatteras and had to be assisted to New York by the steamer Seminole. Messrs. Wm. P. Clyde & Co. have written to Mr. H. G. Smallbones, agent of the Clyde Line here, that in order to protect the interests of the Wilmington merchants to the fullest extent practicable, they will probably arrange to have the Seminole sail Sunday evening for this port. The being from the fraternal orders of which he was a member, as follows: Past Grand James W. Monroe, Frank Myers, J. M. McGowan and I. Shrier, of the Odd Fellows, and Messrs. Kelly Jewell, C. A. Stead and E. J. Grimsey, of the Heptasophs, and Mr. M. P. Taylor, a friend.

The Bell Boy.

Southport Standard: Although we made no note of the fact two weeks ago that the bell boy, which marks the entrance to the Cape Fear bar, is capsized, and that the same has been reported by shipping men no steps have been taken to relieve the perilous situation. The importance of this buoy is such that an early adjustment is very necessary.

Sandsucker Cape Fear.

Baltimore Sun, 15th. The United States sandsucker Cape Fear, which has received a new boiler and thorough overhauling of machinery at the works of the James Clark Company, made a trial trip in the river yesterday and made a creditable showing. It is expected to have her ready for departure for Cape Fear river in a few days.

PROPOSED RAILWAY LINE TO SOUTHPORT.

Survey Began Yesterday, But Whether for the Railroad or Real Estate Purchase is Unknown.

Speculation has been rife for several weeks as to just what are the intentions of the corporation of Philadelphia capitalists who were recently granted a charter for the building of a railway from this city to Southport and for the establishment of a coaling station at the latter point.

Those in authority who have been here and at Southport for some time, are very reticent in speaking of their plans for the future, beyond that the railroad will certainly be built and that, too, in the near future.

Mr. Charles N. Wire, of Philadelphia, one of the chief promoters of the enterprise, has been in the city for several weeks conferring with local engineers acquainted with the lay of the proposed route, and this week he was joined by Engineer Coe, a Northern gentleman, who is also looking over the ground. Both went down to Southport this week to look after that end of the line, and a gentleman residing at Southport, who came up on last evening's boat, in conversation with a reporter of the STAR, said that a party of engineers had begun a survey, starting from near the steamer Wilmington's wharf, but whether for the line of railway or for a proposed purchase of real estate at Southport he was unable to say. He stated that he was interested enough to inquire as to the survey being made, but that the promoters preferred at the present to make none of their plans known to the public.

It is surmised that the new company are after purchasing the franchise and the ten miles already graded along the proposed route of the old company, which went to pieces some years ago. However, this is all a matter of speculation thus far.

HAD HIS LEG CUT OFF.

Negro Excursionist by His Own Carelessness Was the Victim of an Accident Last Night.

A middle-aged colored man, who came to town on the excursion yesterday, and who wound up the day's festivities with a spree, was run over by one of the Atlantic Coast Line's shifting engines in the yard just below Fourth street bridge about 7 o'clock last night and his leg crushed off about four inches below the knee joint.

The negro, whose name could not be learned either from the railroad people or from the City Hospital authorities, where he was afterwards sent for treatment, wandered down the track while waiting at the depot for the return of the excursion, and without cause began violently abusing and cursing the railroad watchman on duty there.

The watchman called to Policeman Guy, who was passing on the bridge, to come down and arrest the negro, but before the officer could reach him, he stepped in front of a shifting engine with the result before stated. Dr. C. D. Bell at first attended him, but after being sent to the Hospital Dr. D. W. Bulluck, the Coast Line surgeon, and Dr. Bolles, superintendent of the hospital, examined the wound and found an amputation necessary, which they performed, taking off the leg just above the knee. The negro is employed on a trestle force or "floating gang" of the Coast Line and came down from Whiteville on the negro excursion yesterday. No blame is attached to the engineer or fireman on the engine which did the damage.

SUIT AGAINST CAPT. HARPER.

Alleged Damages to Amount of \$2,000 Asked for Little Girl Who Fell Through Hatchway.

Messrs. Emple & Emple, attorneys, yesterday morning instituted a suit against Capt. J. W. Harper, owner of the steamer Southport, for their client, Jno. Hales, who resides near corner Third and Wright streets, this city.

The suit is an action for alleged damages and a STAR representative learned yesterday from one of the attorneys, that \$2,000 will be asked for. The complaint, he said, would allege that on or about April 3rd, an eight year old daughter of the plaintiff, while a passenger on the steamer Southport, fell through a hatchway in the aft cabin, which was negligently and without warning left open by one of the deck hands, and sustained injury by losing a front tooth and damaged otherwise more permanently.

The suit is brought in the name of the daughter by the father as complainant. Mr. Hales and family were returning from the funeral of a relative at Southport at the time the alleged accident took place.

Accident at Elkton.

John Utley, a colored man employed at Mr. L. T. Cottingham's lumber mill at Elkton, had three of the fingers and thumb of his left hand cut off by contact with the circular saw at the plant yesterday morning, while engaged in clearing the saw pit of dust. The accident happened early enough for the negro to be sent on the 12:05 o'clock Carolina Central train to this city, where he received temporary surgical attention by Dr. W. J. Love, after which he was sent to the City Hospital.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF.

Mr. John E. Cowell Wounded by Discharge of Gun With Which He Had Started Rice Bird Hunting.

While on his way over the river yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock for a rice bird shoot, in company with his friend, Mr. F. W. Ortmann, Jr., Mr. John E. Cowell, a well known and popular young sportsman, accidentally shot himself in the right wrist and arm while disembarking from the canoe in which he and his companion had rowed themselves across the stream.

Mr. Ortmann was sitting in the stern of the boat as they reached the bank near Governor Russell's rice farm and Mr. Cowell, who was rowing, arose from the seat and was lifting the gun from the bottom of the boat by the barrel, when the hammer was drawn against some obstacle which raised it and discharged one of the barrels, which was loaded with No. 8 shot, with the result as stated.

By the assistance of a colored man, whom they called, the young men were quickly rowed back to the city and Mr. Cowell was taken in a carriage to the City Hospital, where he is being attended by Dr. A. H. Harris. Though none of the wounds are serious, the worst is at the wrist and the arm was more or less sprinkled with shot to the shoulder. Several shot also entered his right cheek. A telephone message from the hospital last night said that he was doing remarkably well and would be out in a short time.

The wounded young man was a member of the Nantuxet's crew during the late war with Spain and has many friends and associates, who are glad to note that the accident was not more serious.

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA.

Interesting Figures Gleaned From Advanced Report to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Sire Charles M. Duesee, of Raleigh, left yesterday morning for Detroit, Michigan, to attend the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. An advanced sheet of the annual report gives the following interesting figures of Odd Fellowship in America: "December 31st, last, our subordinate lodge membership was 320,961 and the number of sisters enrolled in the Rebekah lodges numbered 190,007. These figures in combination exhibit a total membership of 1,020,968, and mark the first time to honestly claim fraternal affiliations with over a million persons. The above figures show an increase of 16,941 in subordinate lodge membership, and 12,184 in female membership of Rebekah lodges. A total net gain during the last calendar year of 30,225. The number of subordinate lodges has been increased by 190 making 14,419 now in existence, while the 5,053 Rebekah lodges indicate an increase of 275.

"The total revenue during 1898 was \$7,765,393.56. The total expenditure \$7,582,712.96. Surplus of revenue over expenditure \$1,182,680.60."

ARE WORKING NEW TERRITORY.

Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son Are Extending Their Business to New Fields.

The following with reference to the progressiveness of the firm of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, Wilmington's wide-awake cotton exporters, is taken from yesterday's Florence Times:

Reports from Barnwell, S. C., say that Sprunt & Son, of Wilmington, are working that new territory of the Coast line to great effect. The reports from Wilmington are to the effect that these same men are sending out the first ship of cotton of the new year. Such men as these do not require natural advantages in a town in which they find their lines cast. They constitute advantages too far to count. When such men as these are the greatest themselves in a town it is not hard to get railroads to take an interest in that town. In fact it all comes back to the position that we have always held that it is the men who make the town, and that all other things taken together do not weigh a pinch of snuff.

AFTER COLORED RECRUITS.

A Great Opportunity for the Negroes of Wilmington.

Lieutenant Settle yesterday received orders to begin enlisting men for the two colored volunteer regiments, the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth. The Forty-eighth will be stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., and the Forty-ninth at Jefferson barracks, near St. Louis. Recruits can select either, but those having no preference will be sent to Fort Thomas. These are the only colored regiments to be raised, and they will probably be filled very quickly. The recently appointed colored officers of this State will probably be assigned to help recruit, and if so officers may be opened in Durham or Winston.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mr. J. A. McGeachy left for Lumber Bridge yesterday in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father, Mr. J. D. McGeachy, of that place, who, the telegram stated, had received two strokes of paralysis. Rev. D. P. McGeachy and wife, of Burgaw, were in the city when the telegram was received and accompanied Mr. J. A. McGeachy to the bedside of his father.

CARPENTER FATALLY INJURED YESTERDAY.

Fell From the Roof of the Delgado Cotton Mill—Died at Seven O'clock Last Night.

Fatal injuries were sustained by Mr. W. W. Harvell at the new Delgado cotton mill yesterday forenoon, he having fallen from the roof of the building to the ground, a distance of about 35 feet, breaking his left leg, fracturing his lower jaw bones, besides sustaining serious internal injuries from the effects of which he died at 7 o'clock last night.

Mr. Harvell was about 35 years of age, a carpenter by trade, having come to this city some weeks ago, accompanied by his wife and two children, to work for Messrs. Zachary and Zachary, contractors, on the Delgado Cotton Mill. They came from Duplin county. At the time of the accident Mr. Harvell was nailing sheathing on the roof of the main building preparatory to placing the tin. He intended to draw the edges of the two planks together by putting his hammer over the edge of the upper one, when the hammer slipped off, giving him such an impetus in a fall backward that he went over the side of the building clear beyond the scaffolding and heading thirty-five feet to the ground, where he fell a scuffling about three feet below the roof. He was carried to his home, one of the new mill cottages, where Dr. Bellamy and Dr. Russell attended him.

Mr. Zachary spoke very regretfully to a STAR reporter of the accident, saying that the deceased was an industrious and skilled carpenter and a steady straight-forward man.

DIED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

Mr. Wallace H. Styron Passed Away at His Home in This City.

At his home on Fourth street, between Princess and Chesnut, early yesterday morning, Mr. Wallace H. Styron, a well known and esteemed citizen of Wilmington, died in the 50th year of his age, after an illness of about one week.

Mr. Styron was a native of Carteret county, but moved to this city when a boy, where he has since resided, having been in the tobacco business here for a number of years. He was last employed by the N. Jacobi Harward Company, whom he was serving at the time of his death.

He is survived by an aged mother, Mrs. C. H. Styron, a wife and eight children. He also leaves two brothers, Mr. O. W. Styron, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. E. G. Styron, of Monticello, Ark., and one sister, Mrs. George Laidlaw, of Currie, N. C.

Mr. Styron was a man of many exemplary traits and was a member of Wilmington Lodge No. 319 of Masons, Cornelius Harnett Council No. 231 Royal Arcanum and Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., which is called to assemble at its lodge room this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral, which will be held from the late residence at 4 o'clock. He will be buried with Odd Fellow honors.

DR. STRANGE RETURNED YESTERDAY.

Arrived From His Vacation Spent in Europe On Last Evening's Train.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, arrived in the city last evening on the return from his European tour, whither he went on a vacation granted him by the vestry of St. James' Church for his health which many friends will be glad to learn is greatly improved.

Dr. Strange was met at the train by almost the entire vestry of his congregation, by whom he is greatly beloved, and a carriage in waiting took him to the rectory for a short while, after which he left on the evening Seacoast train for the Sound where he visited the bereaved widow of his lamented brother, Col. Thos. W. Strange, who died while he was away. Dr. Strange will return to the city to-day and will conduct the usual services in St. James' Church to-morrow morning and evening.

Mrs. Strange, who is visiting her parents at Lawrenceville, Va., will not return until next month.

"Cousin" Ansel Was Here.

The STAR had the pleasure of a visit last evening from Mr. Ansel D. Rogers, of Bennettsville. He said he had lost 34 pounds in weight. Nevertheless, there was no chair in the STAR office big enough and strong enough to hold him, and we were compelled to ask him to take a seat on the floor. "Cousin" Ansel was loaded with jokes which he fired at us incessantly. The best of the assortment was the statement that he had not been to Maxton for more than a year.

New Postmaster for Maxton.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Col. W. G. Hall has been appointed postmaster at this place, vice W. J. Currie removed. Col. Hall is a staunch Republican but never goes back on his own people. We believe the appointment meets with the approval of our people, and we congratulate Col. Hall on his appointment.

Advertisement for 'Woman's Nature' and 'Mother's Friend' medicine, describing its benefits for women's health.