

# For White Supremacy.

## STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Governor:  
**CHARLES B. AYCOCK**, of Wayne.

Lieutenant-Governor:  
**WILFRED D. TURNER**, of Iredell.

Secretary of State:  
**J. BRYAN GRIMES**, of Pitt.

Treasurer:  
**BENJAMIN R. LACY**, of Wake.

Auditor:  
**B. F. DIXON**, of Cleveland.

Attorney-General:  
**ROBERT D. GILMER**, of Haywood.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing:  
**H. B. VARNER**, of Davidson.

Corporation Commissioners:  
**FRANKLIN McNEILL**, of New Hanover.  
**SAMUEL L. ROGERS**, of Macon.

Superintendent Public Instruction:  
**THOMAS F. TOON**, of Robeson.

Commissioner of Agriculture:  
**SAMUEL L. PATTERSON**, of Caldwell.

For Judge of the Tenth District:  
**W. B. COUNCILL**, of Watauga.

## A REPUBLICAN'S REASONS.

Mr. Joseph K. Perry is a leading Republican of Moore county, who has become disgusted with the trading leadership of his party, disgusted with the recognition it gives the negro, therefore cuts loose from it as a State organization and will henceforth act with the Democratic party for the reasons given in the following letter addressed to Chairman Simmons:

"DEAR SIR: Since the proposed constitutional amendment was submitted by the Legislature of 1899, I have favored the same and wanted to make a public announcement to that effect, but I hesitated to do so.

"I have adhered to the Republican principles of protection and sound money since my first vote, but it has come to the parting of the ways with me. I was elected Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Moore county two years ago, and held that position until recently, when I resigned it. Now I pledge myself that I will support no candidate, State, county or otherwise, that submits himself to any convention in which the negro has a voice or vote. I have decided that we have but one party in our State that has a fixed platform and principles, and that party is the Democratic party; that all the alliances between the Republican and Populist parties of our State and the surrender of political principles are solely for the sake of office. I don't want to know of any alliance between the Republican and Populist parties as far apart as the east is from the west and that when fusion is brought about, except upon the basis of principle, it destroys all principle of both parties to it. I cannot and will not support any such principleless combination. When we think of the Second Congressional district now represented in Congress by a negro, it should cause us to hide our heads in shame. Where are the farmers, merchants, doctors and lawyers of ability, culture and character of that district? What party is responsible for passing them by and putting a negro up to represent that district? Who is responsible for this negro Congressman? Is it to be a straight face ask white men to support it and sustain it anywhere else in the State? What party is responsible for the negro Senator and the negro members of the House of Representatives that one who visited our last Legislature saw at Raleigh? These negroes were elected as candidates of the Republican party to represent white men as well as black men. One of them represented the good white people of Warren county, the home of the immortal Mace; and one represented the white people of Craven county, the home of Gaston and Manly. Think of these negro Senators and negro Representatives sitting in the halls of our Legislature, representing white men and mothers, wives and daughters of white men. Shame upon the party that nominated and elected these negroes and shame upon the good Old North State, and its white people if it is allowed again.

Let me ask of my white Republican friends when they go to Raleigh to stop in at the public building, go up into the office of the Internal Revenue Collector, in charge of Mr. Duncan, one of Senator Pritchard's appointees; in there they will find the negro Jim Young and the negro Jim Sheppard, holding clerkships, with desks in the same room with these negro officeholders upon terms of practical equality, or they must give up their jobs. This is what Republicanism in North Carolina means. What white man, with proper self-respect can consider so such conditions as this? We have gone far enough in this negro business. It becomes every white man to arouse himself and for the sake of his children to see that we go no further. If there ever was a time when men should rise above party, it is now.

"Some one asks what we will do with the negro. I answer this: Remove him from politics and only allow those to vote who are white in ability, character and qualification. We are willing to help the negro to acquire character, comfortable homes, remunerative employment, we are willing to help him educate his children; we are willing to take ourselves to take care of his poor and afflicted and unfortunate; and as he acquires sufficient knowledge to cast an intelligent and independent vote, we are willing to give him the ballot, but he must take his place and keep his place. We will not now or at any time have him to rule over us.

"I am with the Democratic party for the amendment. I wish to see it raised and I feel sure it will be raised, but the friends of the amendment must be at work, for its opponents are resorting to every device, both honorable and dishonorable, to secure its defeat, and to regain control of the State.

"SIGNED:  
"JOSEPH K. PERRY.  
"Sandford, N. C."

We do not know Mr. Perry, but the fact that he occupied the position of Chairman of the Republican committee is a voucher for his standing in his party. That he is a man of some individuality and independence is attested by the straight, pointed manner in which he expresses his views. He is one more added to the number of more or less conspicuous Republicans who have already declared for the amendment.

In this letter Mr. Perry not only expresses his own views, but also the sentiment of a great many white Republicans in the State who have tolerated the negro in their party simply because he is there and it was not practicable to get rid of him. The disposition has been evinced for some years to freeze the negro out, but the white politicians who were under obligations to the negro politicians were afraid of it and threw cold water on that scheme, and yet they have never profited much as a party by association with the negro and the negro has never profited much by association with them. Although the negroes have constituted the bulk of the voters of the Republican party the Republican leaders grabbed the choice pieces of pie and gave the colored brother only the leavings, but where the negroes were strong enough to have things their own way the white fellows had to come in and let them have some, as in the Second district, to which Mr. Perry alludes in this letter, where the negroes insisted on running one of their number for Congress, and one of the most offensive of their number, too. In such districts and in counties where the negroes were strong enough and had the disposition to be assertive they had to recognize them with offices of some kind, and consequently we have had negro collectors of customs, negroes in the internal revenue offices, negro postmasters, negro members in the Legislature, negro magistrates, negro county commissioners, negro school committee-men, negro constables, negro town officers and police, for all of which the Republican party, which objects to being called a negro party, is, as Mr. Perry declares, responsible.

They don't want to see the negroes in high or lucrative offices not because they object to negroes filling such offices, but because they want that kind themselves, but they are perfectly willing to let the negroes hold subordinate positions where they will come into contact with and annoy the white people in counties where there are few white Republicans. And that is the way it will continue to be unless the white people of the State put an end to this kind of offensive scheming and ratify the amendment, which will eliminate the negro and relegate him as a political factor.

## WHAT THEY THINK OF THE OUTLOOK.

A few days ago we quoted from the correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer portions of an interview, at Shelby, with Hon. Chas. B. Aycock, our candidate for Governor, and the views of the correspondent as to the outlook in connection therewith. At Charlotte, Saturday, a representative of the Observer asked the opinions of Mr. Aycock and of Mr. Gilmer, candidate for Attorney General, and thus quotes them:

"My trip in the West has confirmed me in the opinion which I entertained before—that the western people do not differ at all from our eastern folk. The difference is in environment and not in character. When conditions in the east are presented to the western people they are quite as enthusiastic for white supremacy and the adoption of the amendment as the eastern people.

"Many Republicans will vote for the amendment because they see it as a means of freeing their party from the charge of being a negro party and they think that they can thereby get a fairer hearing for the doctrines which they profess.

"I could hear of no Democratic disaffection anywhere in the West, but I did observe a disposition to regard our success as altogether too certain. I am impressed with the necessity of a more careful and systematic organization and detailed work. The tide is undoubtedly our way and Republicans are without excuse, but their leaders are determined to make an active campaign. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the local organizations in every precinct take pains to inform every voter of the real meaning of the amendment. Whenever this is done the voter has no immediate personal interest against us and is certain to vote with us.

"I wish again to repeat what I have heretofore said, that the amendment is good as a whole and in every part that it only needs to be presented truthfully, without any reservation, in order to win the support of every thoughtful and disinterested man.

"A conclusion I can say with frankness that I am delighted with our trip through the western part of the State. Our reception everywhere has been cordial and, in many places, enthusiastic. Dependence on that place, I noted that people seemed anxious to hear the discussion of the questions growing out of the amendment. This especially due to the fact that erroneous impressions have been made upon their minds with reference to the amendment.

Mr. Gilmer, who is a Western man and presumably familiar with popular sentiment in the West, said:

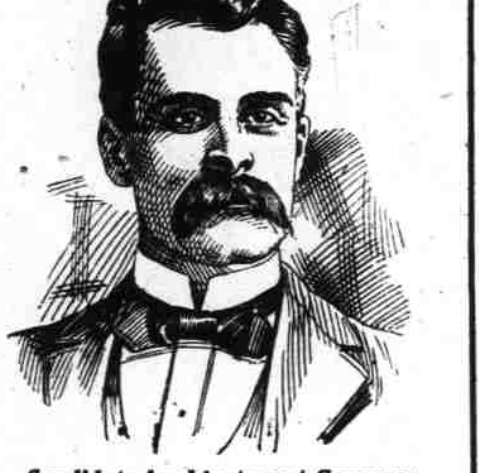
"I am willing to go on record as stating that the amendment will run ahead of the Democratic ticket in the West. At every place we have visited we have been heard by large numbers of the best citizens of that place. I noted that people seemed anxious to hear the discussion of the questions growing out of the amendment. This especially due to the fact that erroneous impressions have been made upon their minds with reference to the amendment. I wish to see it raised

effect upon the electoral franchise. As the provisions of the amendment were fully discussed and it was clearly shown that there was no danger of any white man being disfranchised by virtue of its provisions, they realized that it will result in securing good government in North Carolina and they were convinced that it was the best possible solution of the race question which has so long disturbed the politics of our State. Mr. Aycock's argument as to the effect of the amendment along educational lines made a wonderful impression on the minds of the people of Western North Carolina. The amendment is safe, perfectly safe, in the West.

The anti-amendment leaders have but one hope, and that is in fooling the people, but in this they will fail, for by the time the campaign closes this amendment will be so fully discussed and explained that no one will be fooled who doesn't want to be, or isn't hopelessly stupid.

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## HON. WILFRED D. TURNER.



Candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

## OPINION IN WASHINGTON.

Republican Nomination for Governor of North Carolina Regarded as Weak. Doomed to Certain Defeat.

[Special Star Telegram.] WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The members of the North Carolina delegation to-night when asked what they thought of the nomination of Spencer B. Adams for Governor, were unanimous in the opinion that the nomination was a weak one and that in their estimation either Senator Pritchard or Representative Linney should have made a stronger candidate, but that in either case the Republican nominee was doomed to certain defeat. One of the members said: "I know for certain that for some time past the Republicans have been using every effort to get Senator Pritchard and Mr. Linney to agree to accept, but as you know Pritchard was not born yesterday and Linney is altogether too foxy. They are old in the business and are not anxious to go up against what they know to be certain defeat. They would rather see some one else make the sacrifice."

Taken as a whole the ticket is considered here to-night as being a weak one. Among the items of the Sundry Civil bill reported from the Committee on Appropriations to day were the following for North Carolina. For completion of Winston postoffice \$25,000; for U. S. Fish Commissioner, Edenton, \$3,480; for N. C. Lighthouse district, \$25,000; for improvement waterway from sounds of North Carolina to Norfolk, \$800,000; for superintendent for coasts of North Carolina and Virginia, \$1,800. Also a provision for lighting the Cape Fear river in North Carolina.

The Senate Committee on Commerce to day reported favorably Representative Bellamy's bill authorizing the Carolina Northern Railroad, to bridge the Lumber river in Robeson county.

## NORTHERN TRUCK QUOTATIONS.

Special Telegrams Received Last Night from New York Markets.

[Special Star Telegram.] NEW YORK, May 2.—Asparagus was quoted to day at \$2.50 per dozen bunches and lettuce at from \$3 to \$4 per barrel. Peas in bushel baskets found sale to day at from \$2 to \$2.50. There is a good demand for berries at prices ranging from 18 to 25 cents per quart. Cabbage were sold to day at \$3 per barrel.

J. & G. LIPPMAN, Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants, 184 Reade street.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Most of the sales of strawberries this morning were at from twelve to fifteen cents per quart, though a few fancy crates sold as high as eighteen cents per quart. The market appears to be steadier than on yesterday. Fancy cabbage are bringing \$3.50 per barrel and green peas are wanted at \$3 per bushel basket.

HENRY ELLWELL & CO., Produce Commission Merchants, 310 Washington street.

Saturday's Baltimore Herald prints a cut of one of the three public bath houses which have been donated to the city by Mr. Harry Walters at a cost of \$50,000. The one completed is located at No. 138 South High street and two others will be built in other sections of the city.

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## A GREAT MEETING.

Eastern North Carolina Democrats Gathered Yesterday in Ratification Assembly.

HON. CHARLES B. AYCOCK

Thrilled the East With His Eloquence Last Night—Perfect Ovation to the State Candidates—A Brilliant Torch Light Procession.

Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of New Hanover county and of this section of Eastern Carolina. It was upon this occasion that the Democracy of the East in general and that of New Hanover in particular gave demonstration in no uncertain way to its fidelity to the State ticket and to the party and most important of all, to the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment in August.

It was a great meeting—"the grandest of all those that have yet been held in the State," remarked Mr. Aycock last night during the progress of the procession and street demonstration. Democrats of all classes and conditions assembled to do honor to the standard bearers of their party in what promises to be one of the most memorable campaigns in the history of North Carolina.

Mr. Aycock, "our next Governor," accompanied by Mr. Wilfred D. Turner, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Mr. B. R. Lacy, candidate for State Treasurer; Mr. R. D. Gilmer, candidate for Attorney General; Col. Thos. F. Toon, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mr. Samuel L. Patterson, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, arrived yesterday morning at 9.30 o'clock from Wilson, and were met at the station by the reception committee, the members of which escorted them to "The Orion," where they are being entertained. The Second Regiment Band also greeted the party with the inspiring strains of El Capitán as they passed from the passenger shed. A governor's

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Democratic Nominee for Governor of North Carolina.

salute of thirteen guns fired by a detachment of Naval Reserves from one of their three inch howitzers, also announced the coming of the standard bearers of Democracy. It was regretted that for various reasons, the other candidates on the ticket were unable to attend.

After breakfasting, the candidates retired to their rooms for rest until the afternoon, when they were driven over the city in carriages, and later taken for a trip on the steamer *Wilmington*, which was magnanimously tendered by Capt. J. W. Harper for the entertainment of the distinguished visitors.

In the evening at 7.30 o'clock the torch light procession moved along the line of march as described in yesterday's STAR, and it is safe to say that this great street pageant eclipsed anything ever before seen of its kind in Wilmington. It was made up practically as published in the STAR yesterday, and too much praise cannot be accorded to Chief and Assistant Marshals W. P. Oldham and George Harris, who managed the surging throng most superbly.

It was at first thought that two meetings would be held simultaneously, in the Opera House and in the Court House, but the idea was abandoned and the spacious auditorium of the Opera House was thronged with people, representative of all classes and conditions of Wilmington citizenship. Many ladies were among those in attendance and frequent and pleasing allusions to their presence were made by the speakers.

The music was by the Second Regiment Band and was of a very high order.

Mr. G. Herbert Smith presided at the meeting, which opened at 8.30 o'clock. On the stage with the nominees, which included Mr. Franklin McNeill, of this city, were Chief Marshal Oldham and Assistant Marshal Harris, who had charge of the procession; Iredell Meares, Brooke G. Empe, George L. Peschau and Marden Bellamy, Esquires; Messrs. G. F. Boney, B. F. Hall, J. D. Kelley, E. F. Johnson, E. B. Lathrop, M. W. Jacob, J. C. Stevenson, W. A. Wright, D. J. Ferguson, L. B. Sasser, and Capt. James J. Meigs.

The Honorable Chas. B. Aycock was the last speaker of the distinguished party, and his speech was a fitting finale to the grand and glorious occasion. For forty-five minutes he made an eloquent and logical ap-

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peal for the peace and upbuilding of the Old North State, his stirring utterance holding close the attention of the large assemblage and evoking time and again the most thunderous and enthusiastic applause of approbation.

The Democracy's great standard bearer was introduced by Marden Bellamy, Esq., who prefaced his remarks with a beautiful allusion to the patriotism and ardor of this, his native city. He said that it was eminently fitting that the people of Wilmington, who blazed out the way for the solid phalanx that marched to a glorious victory in 1899 and who struck the spark that kindled the flame which spread from the mountain to the seashore, routing the enemy, should give the standard bearer a great reception. As the people in 76 turned their eyes to Zeb Vance for hope and victory, so now, he said, they turned their eyes to the peerless Aycock, and that the mantle of the immortal Vance had fallen on his shoulders.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Bellamy's brief but wise address, "the man of the hour" arose to speak, but it was several minutes before the large assemblage could curb their most demonstrative applause sufficient to allow him to be heard.

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Democratic Nominee for Governor of North Carolina.

The orator well expressed his gratification at the cordial and enthusiastic reception accorded him, and in alluding affectionately to Mr. Bellamy's introduction gave voice to this high tribute to North Carolina's great statesman: "I am not unmindful of the fact that there has never been and will never be another Vance in North Carolina."

He impressed upon the people the great cause for right and justice that North Carolina is now about to settle, and called upon them to vote with the Democratic party and make this great settlement, which must mean the elimination of the negro from politics. Republicanism and corruption, he said, went hand in hand; that the latter was compelled to follow the former, and in becoming words he recounted the black history of the Republican party of this State. He told of the dark days of hatred and strife of '68 and the glorious redemption of '70. Then in sublime language he described the peace and happiness that followed and continued until '94, when the Populist party of tender age had allied itself with the Republicans and once again a dark and dismal cloud was marked, lasting until the memorable campaign of '98. In '94, he said, the tragic tale of '98 had grown old; time had dimmed it in memory, and coupled with an era of declining prosperity had given the control of the State to the Republicans. Then, it was, he said, the old story of death and destruction which is the only result of Republicanism. It is inevitable, he said, and cannot be helped or prevented.

The Republicans and Populists, he said, did not design such a reign, for he did not nor could he believe mankind capable of as black a deed, but that it was owing to the low average of intellect and virtue. Two thirds of the votes of those two parties, he stated were negroes and consequently the average for intellect and virtue had to be low. "It is not the negroes who hold the offices who do the harm," declared the speaker but the negroes behind the officers. "It is not the negroes whom Russell declares, but the 125,000 negroes that appointed Russell to office."

About half of his address the very able speaker devoted to discussing in a masterly manner the constitutional amendment. He dealt with it section by section and showed conclusively and clearly that it will not prevent a

single white man from voting. "It could not," he passionately proclaimed, "keep an unlettered white man from voting, for the Democratic party is composed of white men."

The amendment, he said, was entirely within the XVth Amendment and that the ability of the able legislators and lawyers who drafted it attested its constitutionality. In this connection he paid a glowing tribute to our very able representative, Hon. Geo. Routree.

Further, he said that section 4 would not allow a person to vote after 1902 who could not read or write, but section five modified this by excepting the white man who can exercise the right of ballot by hereditary fitness. The section, he said, the Republicans acknowledged constitutional, because it would disfranchise the white man as well as the negro, but the latter section they proclaimed as unconstitutional, because it gives every white man whom the Democratic party declare is superior to the negro, be he unlettered or not, the right to vote. His argument along this line was

## HON. B. R. LACY.



Candidate for State Treasurer.

extremely powerful and appealing. He also pledged himself, if elected governor, to devote his four years to the upbuilding of his State and the advancement and spreading of education.

The closing remarks of the speaker, calling upon every white man to come forth to the fray, laying aside all bitterness and faction, were especially beautiful and impressive, as was stirring and welcome his utterance. "This is a great cause to live for, to work for, to die for!"

Hon. R. D. Gilmer was the first speaker of the evening, and he was introduced in happy terms by Iredell Meares, Esq. Mr. Gilmer is from Western North Carolina, and his pleasing allusions to the co-operation that would be afforded by his people to the negro ridden East in the adoption of the amendment was cheered to the echo. The Republicans, the speaker said, established the precedent of a disfranchisement, and it was a silencing of the votes of the white men at the point of Federal bayonets in the reconstruction days just after the war. He reiterated the words of Elato Durham uttered in the Constitutional Convention of 1868, when the right of franchise was conferred upon the ignorant negro: "It is a Crime Against Civilization and a Crime Against God." The prosperity of the country under twenty-five years of Democratic rule was reviewed and contrasted with the deplorable state of affairs prior to 1898. "A man is an alien in patriotism and love for North Carolina, when he bends his efforts to defeat the amendment," declared Mr. Gilmer. He had utmost confidence in the constitutionality of the laws enacted by a legislature composed of such distinguished gentlemen as made up that body in 1899 and appealed to every man to support the franchise measure. The legislators carried a commission from the people

## HON. S. L. PATTERSON.

Body of Toke Sutton Found Near Mount Olive Yesterday With His Skull Crushed and Throat Cut.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., May 1.—The body of Mr. Toke Sutton, a well known citizen of Duplin county and a son of Mr. O. W. Sutton, was found near here this morning and the cause of his death is being investigated in mystery. Mr. Sutton was at Mount Olive about 9 o'clock Monday night and told some friends who were with him that he was going to Faison on the 10 o'clock train. He was seen by his home from the latter place than from Mount Olive. He was last seen alive in one of the Express cars attached to this freight. Marshall McCabe, who found his body this morning, reported the matter to the town authorities and the coroner has been summoned to investigate the circumstances of the death.

The back of the dead man's head is crushed in as if having been accomplished by a blow and there is a rash about the throat. There is no sign of an encounter about the spot where the body was found and the death remains a mystery for the coroner's jury.

Mr. Sutton was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

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## The Negro Fanatic.

Sheriff McRae is much perplexed to know what disposition to make of the four negro religious fanatics, who are fasting in the county jail according to the instructions of the West Indian mulatto "Peace" who has created such a stir in colored circles by the introduction of his queer religious doctrine. The negroes have taken no nourishment in five days and declare that they will prolong their "fast for forty days." Yesterday morning County Commissioners Gabriel Holmes and D. McEachern visited the jail in company with Mr. McMillan and Dr. George F. Lucas, of Pender county. The physicians were unable to induce the deluded negroes to eat and the question reverted to Sheriff McRae as to what he should do. Some steps will probably be taken in a few days to force them to receive nourishment.

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My firm belief, is that medical science is certain yet to show that all diseases without exception are caused by invisible germs which are living organisms. Here is the germ of that terrible disease diphtheria. Here is the bacillus of typhoid fever and here is the still more dreadful bacillus of tubercle which causes that most destructive of all diseases, consumption. This of that very common and scourge incurable disease, catarrh.

I have had it for years, and I am thoroughly discouraged." The Doctor answered, "Catarrh, like diphtheria, consumption, typhoid fever, and a host of other diseases, is the result of a microbe invading the blood and attacking specially the mucous membrane. This foul and most disgusting disease is especially prevalent in the United States and it is rare to meet one who is not, or has not been troubled more or less with it. How often is he or she obliged to remain at home from pleasant entertainments, deprive themselves of many intellectual pleasures, from fear of the disagreeable odor arising from catarrhal affections. In its worst phase, the patient becomes loathsome both to himself and his friends.

I heard of this great physician, "that the true way to heal catarrh is to medicate the blood. This can be done only by powerful alteratives which act as blood purifiers."

Betsy Barrett, of Manistee, Mich., writes: "I have suffered from general debility and chronic catarrh. My face was pale as death. I was weak and short of breath. I could hardly walk, I was so dizzy and had a ringing in my head all the time. My hands and feet were always cold. My appetite was very poor. On getting up in the morning, my head swam so I was often obliged to lie down again. I had awful pains in the small of my back. I had a continual feeling of tiredness. My muscular power was almost entirely gone, and I couldn't go half a dozen steps without stopping to rest, and often that muscular weakness caused me to have a pain in my side. It seemed as though the blood had left my veins. The doctors said my blood had all turned to water. I had given up all hope of ever getting well. I tried the salt water cure, but failed to get any relief. My husband got me a bottle of Johnston's Sarsaparilla. I took it, and then I bought another. When these had been used, I was somewhat improved in health. I continued its use, and felt I was growing stronger; my sleep was refreshing, and it seemed as if I could feel new blood moving through my veins. I kept on taking it, and now consider myself a well and rugged woman. I work all the time, and am happy. I am positive that the Sarsaparilla saved my life. The light headache, the dizziness, the cold, the catarrh, have disappeared, and my catarrh has almost entirely left me. I cannot be too thankful for what Johnston's Sarsaparilla has done for me. I recommend all women who have sick headaches to use your Sarsaparilla."

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Mr. J. J. Crosswell, the enterprising and very accommodating route agent of the Southern Express Company, last Monday returned from a trip up the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, where he went to look after shipments by the superb express service which his company inaugurated yesterday morning by the dispatch of a fast train upon a through schedule to the North. Mr. Crosswell says that Monday 4,000 crates of berries were handled over the road which he travelled, the same being the section between Wilmington and Goldsboro. Sunday there were shipments of 1,196 crates over the same route. Added to this is about equally as many crates by the Fruit Growers' express, which is furnishing an excellent refrigerator service this season and one which the truckers appear to be appreciating. The regular schedule of trains in this service will probably be put on as early as to-day.

On the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad Sunday, the Southern Express Company handled 400 crates and 380 crates were shipped from points along this road yesterday. The Fruit Growers' Express loaded a solid car at Currie yesterday.

At the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad goods shipments are also being made at the icing station at Chadbourn erected by the Fruit Growers' Express is proving a valuable addition to the service heretofore enjoyed.

## Harbor Master's Report.

The report of Captain Edgar D. Williams, harbor master, shows the following arrivals