

## Local Steamboat Line Has Secured An Important Addition

Carolina Inland Steamers Co. Purchased Steamer Hamilton Which Will be Given New Schedule February 1-Now Undergoing Extensive Repairs

The Carolina Inland Steamers Company, operating steamers Tourist and Guide, plying regularly to and from this city, has now purchased the steamer Hamilton, which will be added to the present service. The boat is now undergoing a thorough course of repairs at a Norfolk marine railway from which it will be launched sometime during the month. The repairs will be extensive and when the boat is put on schedule, which will be February 1, it will be among the staunchest plying in local waters. The Hamilton has made many trips to this city, but her last scheduled was on the Roanoke river.

The exact schedule it will be given by the new owners has not been announced, or finally decided upon, so far as can be learned, but it will connect with the Tourist and Guide in such a manner that it will greatly benefit the shippers and receivers of freight and perfect the already excellent service of the owning company. The Hamilton is of large tonnage and can handle great quantities of freight. It is also provided with special passenger accommodations and will doubtless be popular with people travelling between points on its schedule, which will be announced in full within a few weeks.

It will be one of the principal additions of the year to the city's facilities of transportation and travel.

## W. M. S. TO HOLD AN IMPORTANT MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will hold a most important meeting, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the annex of the church and the newly elected officers are requesting every member to be present and participate. The accounts of the old year will be settled and business altogether new will be taken up. New ideas and arrangements will be introduced for the promotion of the great work of the society and it will be a meeting no member can well afford to miss.

## SCHOOLS WILL OPEN FOR NEW YEAR'S WORK TOMORROW

For the scholars of several of the schools of the city, the Christmas holidays will be concluded at the end of today. The Atlantic Collegiate Institute, the public school, the Albemarle High School and several of the smaller institutions will open tomorrow morning for uninterrupted work till the close of the term in June.

There are no new announcements to make for any of them but the principals are stating that the work will be resumed with increased energy and application.

They will all receive a number of new students as usual, there being every year those who could not commence earlier.

The public school is urging all those who wish to take up the spring studies to enter promptly so that the necessary provisions can be made for them.

The new year scholars in this school will be unusually large.

## JANUARY WEATHER.

Local Forecaster Gray yesterday issued his summary of January weather, based on the records for 34 years.

The summary shows that the normal temperature is 41 degrees; warmest month that of 1890, with

51 degrees; coldest month, 1886, 34 degrees; highest temperature, 80, on January 13, 1871; lowest, 6 degrees, January 17, 1893.

The average rainfall for January is 3.38 inches; greatest monthly fall, 6.91 inches, 1883; smallest fall, 1.13 inches, 1890; greatest fall, 2.20 inches, January 12, 1879.

The average number of cloudy days are 10; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 11.

The prevailing winds have been from the north; hourly velocity, 9 miles; highest velocity, 46 miles, from the northwest, on January 25, 1901.

## New Year's German Tonight

An event now claiming the attention of all local society and one that will cause the presence of many out-of-town guests, is the German to be given tonight in Elks hall in honor of the new year. It will be given by the gentlemen and in response to the dance of last week given by the ladies. A committee has been formed to "get up" a swell affair and to this end they are today working hard.

By local society the dawn of the new year is always observed by a dance, but the one of tonight promises to surpass those of preceding years in all desired respects. It is expected that about fifty couples will attend.

Music will be furnished by the local orchestra.

## THREE COUPLES ARE MARRIED HERE TODAY

Has January started in to equal or surpass December? If today's rate is maintained the record will be smashed with some to spare.

There were three, but the principals were all out-of-town people, and the same local interest is not, of course, attached.

The first was Mr. Grover W. Dalby to Miss Maggie N. Savage, of Portsmouth, where they enjoy merited popularity. They were united at the residence of Rev. P. S. C. Davis, that minister performing the ceremony.

Soon after this he was called on again by Mr. William H. Walker and Miss Lessie C. Mason, of Norfolk, also a well known and popular young couple.

The other couple were Mr. N. P. Duncan, of Berkeley, and Miss Emma Harrison, of Norfolk.

## MEETING OF ALDERMEN POSTPONED ONE WEEK

In observance of New Year's Day, which is a national holiday, it has been decided to postpone the regular meeting of the board of aldermen, which was to have been held tonight, till next Monday night. So far as can be learned from several members of the board there was no business of special importance to come up tonight, so the postponement really amounts to but very little. The mayor and a majority of the members are of the opinion that the day should be fully observed in the respect of suspending all such public functions, and their example may have its effect in the future.

Mr. Earnest and Miss Ethel Nixon, of Winfall, spent Sunday here with Miss Minda Owens.



The New Year—Gracious, I want to go back! I wonder how I'll get around that bunch of trouble that's ahead of me?

## Over \$1,100 Raised Yesterday By Baptists For Foreign Missions

Rev. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of Mission Board, Delivered Powerful Sermon And His Appeal For Help Met With Remarkable Response

Rev. R. J. Willingham, secretary of the Foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, preached at the First Baptist church yesterday morning, and followed the sermon by taking one of the heaviest collections ever raised in this city on such an occasion and for a like purpose.

The discourse was masterful in all respects and the speaker stirred his hearers to enthusiasm concerning the great topic. For about an hour he spoke with all his well known power and never was the subject of foreign missions more ably advocated. At the conclusion he requested the church to raise \$600 to help in the work of carrying on the work of ministering to the heathen. This appeal met with a ready and remarkable response. Mr. E. F. Aydlett stated that he would give half the amount if the church would raise the other. When the amount of the contributions had been figured, it was found that a much larger amount had been raised and Mr. Aydlett stated then that he would increase his amount to \$500 if the church would raise another five hundred, and thus the amounts were pledged until over eleven hundred dollars had been raised, which, as above indicated, breaks all previous records for the church.

The second largest contribution made was one hundred dollars, given by Mr. J. H. LeRoy, which was itself four times as much as the whole church gave twenty years ago. Many individuals, in making up the residue, gave as much as the whole church did in years well remembered by the members.

As announced, the splendid sermon of Dr. Willingham aroused an enthusiasm among those present in foreign missions never before equaled in the history of the church. The amount allowed by the convention in a year for a single missionary is \$500, and Mr. Aydlett's donation will support one for the next twelve months.

Dr. Willingham is among the most able missionary workers in the country, which is shown by the fact that he was chosen for the position he now fills by the convention. Last year he handled \$283,000 for missionary work, much of which he raised himself in a manner similar to that of yesterday. His son is among the ministers in foreign lands for whom he is assisting to raise money.

The members of the First Baptist

may entertain a just pride in their response of yesterday, for the amount they gave surpassed that of many larger churches in larger cities.

## Preparing For The New Year

The larger number of stores have now finished one of the most dreaded jobs of the year—taking account of stock. A few of them are yet immersed in the work, but will finish before the end of the week. Among the stores the first of the year is always productive of more or less important changes, but with the exception of the fact that the number of places of business has been increased, no alterations have been made that could be considered significant.

The merchants have just finished a most successful year—one of the most prosperous in the history of the city—and with good reason are looking for a repetition during 1906.

A number of them have enlarged their stores in order to successfully handle the trade, especially the wholesale dealers, and have modernized each department until travelling men will readily pronounce Elizabeth City's stores among the most up-to-date and hustling in the south.

There are yet changes and improvements to be made and the dull period always following the holidays is being utilized. Preparations for trade of the new year are elaborate and will be continued during the next month or two. These preparations and expectations are stimulated by the prediction of a great fishing season in the lower sounds, the present prosperous condition of the farmers and the prospects for splendid crops again, and the general excellent financial condition of the people of the city.

## RECEPTION

I trust that all members of City Road church will meet with us this evening at 8 o'clock at the Albemarle school building. We have tried to reach every one by a card, but some few may have failed to receive theirs. Do not wait for the personal invitation, but come on this call.

H. M. NORTH.

## Aged Woman Dies Snow Storm At Camden Home Visits Section

MRS. MARY L. GREGORY, AGED EIGHTY, SURVIVES STROKE OF PARALYSIS ONLY A FEW HOURS.

Mrs. Mary L. Gregory, relict of the late M. R. Gregory, a well known resident of Camden county, died yesterday at her home in that county in the 80th year of her age, being one of the oldest residents of this section of the State.

For one of her advanced years she was enjoying good health up until last Friday when she was stricken with paralysis, which, though it was in a comparatively mild form, with the natural infirmities of old age, she could not withstand long, the end coming peacefully yesterday with her relatives and children at her bedside.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, the interment immediately following at the Gregory homestead.

The deceased was a beautiful Christian character and a member of Sawyer's Creek Baptist church, with the good work of which she was identified for years. Nowhere in the section could a more beloved person than she be found and her death has cast a pall of sorrow over her hosts of friends, while to her relatives her place can never be filled.

She is survived by three children—Dr. Samuel Gregory, of this city; Mr. M. R. Gregory, of Poplar Branch, and Mrs. Gilbert, of Camden.

It was the passing of another of the few in the section who had gone beyond the allotted three-score and ten.

## Improved Street Crossings Asked

Improved street crossings in the business district are now causing considerable amount of criticism of the street improvers' work, a criticism joined in by all who have occasion to visit the section indicated. The crossings are certainly in a miserable condition and at the next meeting of the board of aldermen, some effort may be made to relieve the same. They are nearly all made of stone, but from the intersecting unpaved streets quantities of dirt are at all times deposited upon them, which, not being removed, renders them equally as bad as the streets.

In the opinion of those who are condemning the crossings, the conditions could be easily remedied. At the present time there are four or five men engaged on the streets every day and each crossing could be swept at least once a day, though twice would be better. It is considered that this would be far more beneficial and satisfactory to the public than the work devoted to picking up the paper and other trash on the streets, which is done twice a day regularly. The one, however, would in nowise interfere with the other and the merchants, the shoppers, especially the ladies and the general public hope that it will be given the proper attention.

There are only a few of the crossings demanding such attention and the work could easily be done by one man without extra expense to the city.

## B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL FOR PIPE ORGAN.

The B. Y. P. U. of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church, will give a social at the Road street Baptist chapel Wednesday evening from eight to twelve o'clock, and all who choose to attend are assured of pleasures to be afforded by the event. Besides refreshments served at the usual prices, many other features will be introduced. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the pipe organ.

A genuine old fashioned snow storm, enveloped the section yesterday in a mantle of white in about a short time as it generally takes to do it. Soon after the noon hour a light rain commenced falling but in an instant it had changed to snow. It fell with great rapidity and in an hour everything was covered. It was of the same heavy, clinging variety as the memorable snow of several years previous when all the telephone and telegraph wires in the city were broken down by it, tree limbs weighted so they broke out and roofs crushed in; and had it kept up probably only a few hours longer, the same damage would undoubtedly have followed. As it was many telephone lines were damaged, but thanks to the rapid work of the electricians most of them have been put in order and no great inconvenience is being experienced today. In several instances today, however, the snow which has not melted much, is preventing out-door work, which is always more or less serious.

Probably the greatest effect of the snow was to again put the streets into a muddy, slushy condition, when they were just recovering from the rains of the past few weeks.

## New Year For City Road

Our friends of the above named church are planning to start off the new year well. They will meet with one accord at the Albemarle school building tonight. The pastor and official board will give the entire membership an informal reception. It is very profitable for the brethren and sisters of the same congregation to gather occasionally in a social way and shake hands with each other. It is also a good thing that the members of a church are not acquainted with each other. The Economist wishes this band of zealous workers a merry occasion tonight and a bright and prosperous new year.

An arrangement committee has been appointed and are now perfecting all details of the reception. A program of music will be rendered by the excellent choir of that church and a number of recitations will be among the features.

## Their Marriage Is Announced

The following announcement of the marriage of Mr. Peter Leslie Davis, a well known young man of this city, to Miss Lula Mae Hooper, a popular young lady of the county, was received today:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hooper request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lula Mae, to Mr. Peter Leslie Davis, Wednesday evening, January tenth, nineteen hundred and six, at eight-thirty o'clock. Ceremony at 401 First street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The announcement produces much surprise among even their most intimate friends, but surprise events of this nature have recently grown to be of regular occurrence.

The ceremony as above stated, will be performed at the home of the groom-elect, on First street and will be witnessed by many who will respond to the invitations.

Mr. R. L. Banks, Jr., left today for Chapel Hill, where he will resume his studies at the University of North Carolina after spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Banks, Sr., on West Main street.