

The Messenger.

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New Advertisements. For Sale—Special. For Hire—Special. For Rent—Special. Lost or Stolen—Special. At Court—L. Williams. First-Class Board Special. Wanted—Powell & Morrison. Two Large Turkeys—Special. Dissolution—Poliv & Rehder. Dr. Pritchard—Mrs. A. C. Capps. Coal and Wood—J. A. Springer. A Happy New Year—J. Naumburg. A Happy New Year—J. Naumburg & Co. Open All Day—Robert H. Bellamy. Executor's Notice—James V. Post. The New Year—Mrs. H. B. Jewett. Business and Personal—H. L. Fenwick. Dry Goods—W. H. R. S. Tucker & Co. Heating Stoves—N. Jacob Hardware Co. A Happy New Year to All—H. B. Bellamy. Our Friends and Patrons—Brown & Rodick. Great Dissolution Sale—M. M. Katz, Son & Co.

Official Weather Forecasts.

NORTH CAROLINA. North Carolina, occasional rain; south to east winds; warmer.

LOCAL FORECAST. For Wilmington and vicinity, for 24 hours ending at 8 p. m. to-day: Clear to fair weather, slowly rising temperature, gentle to fresh north wind to east winds.

FIFTY LOCAL. Write 1893. Happy New Year. Turn over a new leaf to-day.

The Messenger special column is the cheapest in the city.

The new schedule goes into effect on the Atlantic Coast line to-day.

Do not forget the ball to be given at Germania Hall to-morrow night.

Leap year expired at 12 o'clock last night. Is there any "old maid" left on hand?

The Wilmington Produce Exchange will be closed to-morrow, as it is a legal holiday.

The Messenger is a great paper. It is read and discussed more than any other in the city. We are used to it.

The Wilmington cotton market closed yesterday at 10 1/2 cents. The price the corresponding day last year was 7 1/2.

Services at the Seaman's Bethel this afternoon commencing at 3:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure. The public is invited to attend.

The special column of the Messenger continues to be liberally patronized and it affords the cheapest advertising in the city. Try it and be convinced.

There will be a meeting of the visitors of the Ladies' Benevolent Society on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. N. G. Daniel on Front street.

Mrs. A. C. Capps gives notice in the Messenger this morning that she has returned to the city and will reopen her dressmaking business at 115 North Front street.

L. Arisso German Club gave their Christmas German at Germania Hall on Friday night. It was a splendid affair and was a most delightful and enjoyable occasion.

Commence the new year by making a contract for advertising space in the Messenger. If you want your ad read. This paper has the circulation and it is constantly increasing.

The matter for Talmage's sermon was shipped over one week ago, but has not yet been received. We regret this, as the sermon is looked for anxiously by the Messenger readers.

To-morrow is the regular meeting day of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Audit and Finance and the Board of County Commissioners, but as it is a legal holiday, the meetings will not be held until Tuesday at the usual hour.

Mr. I. Shrier, the enterprising and general clothier, has presented each of the police force a silk handkerchief. The members of the force highly appreciate this act of kindness and they request us to warmly thank Mr. Shrier in their behalf.

Mr. Henry Shaw advertises in this morning's paper that he has for sale 1,000 acres of land with twelve miles of river front. The property contains a twenty-house farm and the balance is well timbered. It is thirty-five miles from Wilmington.

We are requested by Mayor Ricard to say that the statement that two members of the Board of Aldermen voted on the adoption of the report of the committee on the railroad tax matter is not correct; that more than a majority of those present voted in favor of the adoption and none against.

At St. John's Episcopal church on last Sunday there was some particularly fine music by the regular choir and many comments of a flattering nature have been made upon it during the last week. At 11 o'clock service at this church to-day, the music rendered last Sunday will be repeated.

There were received in the port of Wilmington yesterday 33 bales cotton, 23 cases spirits turpentine, 383 barrels rosin, 340 barrels tar, 2 barrels turpentine. The receipts this corresponding day last year were 1,344 bales cotton, 114 cases spirits turpentine, 987 barrels rosin, 290 barrels tar, 4 barrels turpentine.

Mr. J. H. Parker, of Lexington, Ky., arrived in the city last Tuesday with seven fine brood mares and one of the finest foals ever brought to the State. These animals are for Mr. J. A. McClure, of New York, who has a stock farm at his place near Jacksonville, Onslow county. Mr. Parker will remain here with Mr. McClure, who is Mr. McClure's manager, till the stock is all on the farm in good shape. He says Wilmington is one of the prettiest cities he has seen on his travels, and is much pleased with his sojourn here.

The New Year. The New Year is celebrated in last night at 12 o'clock with the ringing of the chimes of Fifth Street church and many of the bells in the city. Professor Miller's band also came out on the piazza at the Hayes House, on Market street, and played "Near My God to Thee," and other appropriate selections.

Death From Ill Injury. We are sorry to announce the death of Andrew Black, a young son of Capt. A. D. Black, who was so badly injured by his cannon, or gun, last Thursday morning, at Cananoe's ditch. He died last night about 10 o'clock, and in the sore distress of his father and the family, our community tenders its most heartfelt sympathy.

A Reception For Thomas Nelson. We understand that the members of the George Davis Literary Society are arranging for a reception for Dr. Page, Wednesday evening after his entertainment. Particulars in regard to it will be given the public later. Dr. Page should be cordially received by our citizens, and we trust the young gentleman will be very successful in their undertaking.

Has This Been Repeated? The Messenger publishes herewith an extract from the laws of the City of Wilmington. We do not know whether it has been repealed or not, but have reason to think that it is still in force. If this is wrong, correction will be made, or an opportunity will be given to any one to show us that it is. This is as follows:

Section 12, page 60 of the Laws of the City of Wilmington, says: "No further enactment than to Mayor or Alderman shall, directly or indirectly, become a contractor for work to be done for the city of Wilmington, or be interested in the sale to the city of any articles of property required for the use of the city, and any person herein offending shall forfeit and pay to the city the amount of dollars, and moreover be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor."

The police force in all parts of the country bear uniform testimony to the great value of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup as a remedy for cough, cold and incipient consumption. They all emphasize the fact that no one should be without it.

DR. PRITCHARD'S DEPARTURE.

A Few Parting Words From Him Before He Starts For His New Field of Labor at Charlotte.

The Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard has closed his pastorate of the First Baptist church at Wilmington and left yesterday for Charlotte to assume the pastorate of Tryon Street Baptist church of that city.

Wilmington regrets very deeply that Dr. Pritchard is to transfer the sphere of his usefulness to another city, but to use an oft-repeated but apt paraphrase, the Messenger can avow, knowingly, that Wilmington's loss of Dr. Pritchard is a tremendous gain for fortunate Charlotte.

Dr. Pritchard is a big man—a big preacher—and he will be a powerful acquisition to the pulpit of the Queen City of the Old North State. He is an earnest, faithful and able minister of the gospel, and for his recognized abilities and personal qualities he is held in the highest regard by all classes, denominations and sects in our city.

In his departure from our midst, Wilmington loses not only a strong and well-equipped preacher and fine pulpit orator, but a good and true citizen. The Messenger particularly regrets to lose this distinguished minister and gentleman from our midst, but we send after him our best wishes for his happiness and an addition to his already great success that will be a marvel even to himself.

Dr. Pritchard in bidding the Messenger representative good bye, said in his happy manner:

"Yes, I am sorry to leave Wilmington. It is a delightful place of residence, and the people have been very kind to me and mine; indeed, I can truly say that while I have had pleasant pastorate in Baltimore, Petersburg, Raleigh and Louisville, I have never enjoyed a more pleasant pastorate than I have here. I am not going far, however, only to Charlotte, and we will come back to see you often, as we shall still retain our home at the sound, which will prove very highly."

Who will succeed Dr. Pritchard here as pastor of the First Baptist Church? This is a question that deeply concerns that influential and prominent church and greatly interests our entire community. In speaking of this matter Dr. Pritchard said:

"I can't tell you who will succeed me here. There are a dozen names before the nominating committee, at least a dozen of whom are strong men and would meet the demands of the place. There is no one in sight yet and no one can give the slightest guess as to who will be the man chosen. Judge Mitchell of this State has said that he would like to see a jury would and who a woman would name Dr. Pritchard. The committee will probably report on an early day, and some good man will take my place. This is regarded as a desirable pastorate. It is an excellent church and better now than it ever was. Notwithstanding serious disturbances in the church, the record for the past year is better than that of any year, save one of the nine, that I have been pastor. Eighty-three members have been received, sixty-three of whom were by baptism. The congregations were fine all throughout the year, and the prayer meeting were never so large, spirited and profitable as during the last six months. Indeed, all the interests of the church have prospered, and the pastor who takes charge must promise himself a pleasant field."

Dr. Pritchard spent Christmas here, and it seems that Santa Claus paid him a visit, for he said to the reporter:

"Oh, yes, I have received some nice Christmas presents. Counting up the books the good women of the church gave me I have had over a hundred dollars' worth of presents, for all of which I am very grateful."

With reference to his new charge, Dr. Pritchard said:

"No, the Baptists are not strong in Charlotte, but the church is a good one, having many faithful members, and the field is a most important and living one, as the 'Queen City,' as they love to call it. I know I shall find a pleasant field of labor there. It is a city, you know, and most of the prominent citizens of the place are my warm personal friends."

Dean Detached.

Capt. E. L. Dean, who has been commander of the Revenue Cutter Colfax, on duty at this port, has been detached from service on account of bad health, and left yesterday at 9:30 o'clock for his home in Hampden Corner, Maine. Capt. Dean has been in command of the Colfax for about three years and has made hosts of friends who hope his retirement from active duty will restore him to his usual health.

He was ever a gallant officer, a devoted seaman, and no stranger has rarely ever come into our midst than won more esteem and popularity than he.

In Captain Dean's absence, our clever friend, First Lieutenant O. S. Wiley, will be in command of the cutter. The complement of officers on the cutter will also be added to by Third Lieutenant A. E. Hanson, recently on the revenue cutter Winona, at Newbern, who comes to take the place of Third Lieutenant W. H. O. Hay who is on sick-leave at his home in Philadelphia.

The Messenger for the New Year.

The year just closed has been a prosperous one to the Messenger, and it enters the new year with a larger patronage than it has ever before enjoyed, for which we are thankful and tender our hearty thanks to those who have contributed to its success.

The paper, as heretofore, will endeavor to publish the news without fear or favor, having no axe to grind and not under the control of any ring, clique or corporation, it will become more independent as it grows older.

Some enemies have been made during the year, threats of suits for libel have been made, one boycott enforced, while others have ordered their paper stopped, but they have learned that dropping off the subscription book with a balance due the paper very rarely will not stop the paper.

We ask no patronage for charity's sake, and any one is at liberty to have their name dropped from the subscription lists when they feel grieved at the conduct of the paper, but we ask you to act square and don't borrow your neighbor's copy.

A Happy Marriage.

Mr. C. M. Kelley, a popular young gentleman of this city, was married on Wednesday night, the 28th ultimo, to Miss Mamie Hewlett, one of Wilmington's charming daughters. The marriage took place at the residence 719 Dock street, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Mr. W. E. Van Hook, the best man, and Miss Ida Kelly, sister of the groom, was maid of honor.

Only the near relatives and immediate friends of the family were present, but a reception was held after the marriage service had been performed and quite a number of friends called to extend their congratulations. An elegant luncheon was served.

Something We'd Like to Know.

The Messenger would like to know if the law in reference to the meetings of the Board of Audit and Finance was complied with as stipulated in the extract below, and if not, was the action of their meeting, held Wednesday, December 23rd, legal?

Section 4 of an act to establish a Board of Audit and Finance for the city of Wilmington, page 117 of the laws of the city of Wilmington, says:

"Said Board shall hold regular meetings twice every month, and often if necessary, in some room in the city hall such times as the Board may determine, and of which due notice shall be given by advertisements posted at the court house door and ten other public places in the city. Said meetings shall be held on the first and third days of holding the regular sessions, and monthly meetings shall not be changed, unilaterally by the Board, and said change shall be as aforesaid."

Sudden Death at Orton Plantation.

On Friday at Orton plantation, fourteen miles from the city in Brunswick county, Henry Higgins, colored, an old and trusted employe on the place, died suddenly of a heart attack. About 11 o'clock he started back to a ditch in the rice field. Some colored people went immediately to see what had happened to him, and when they reached him he was dead. A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict was returned that the cause of his death was heart failure.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. A. Pallan, of Southport, was on our streets yesterday.

Messrs. J. K. and R. G. Morrissy, of Winston, are in the city.

Mr. C. P. Wheeler, of Charlotte, is spending Sunday in the city.

Miss Beck High and Miss Mary McRae, of Fayetteville, are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. R. S. French, of the Brunswick and Western railroad, has been here several days on a visit to his old home.

Mr. John W. Barnes an old Wilmingtonian but now residing in Housonton, Tex., is here on a visit to his relatives and friends.

Mr. W. P. Hall, of Mt. Olive, N. C., has accepted a position with the Peregrine Lumber company and will move to this city in a short time.

Mr. J. P. Whitehead, who has been connected with the car record office of the Atlantic Coast Line, leaves this morning for Rocky Mount, where he will be connected with the freight department there.

MORE LIGHT FOR WILMINGTON.

The Wilmington Street Railway company is laying its plans for the installation of a complete electric lighting plant, and bids have already been asked on a third engine of one hundred and fifty horse power and another boiler of one hundred horse power, together with the apparatus and other appliances for arc and incandescent lights.

The addition to the steam plant will give the company three fine engines, but we are glad that they even have engine room for the further doubling of the capacity of the plant. The third boiler will be for reserve.

The foundations for the increase in the steam plant were laid at the time of construction of their commodious power-building at Water and Orange streets, so that the installation of the additional machinery will take but a short time. The contract for the poles has already been let to Capt. T. J. Newson, who furnished them for the railway work. Work will be commenced shortly in the erection of the poles for the electric light plant, and we learn that the plant will be ready for street lighting before a petitive bid for lighting the city when the Board of Aldermen meets on the first Monday in April to award the contract to the successful bidder.

The company with its new engine will have a capacity for supplying 600 incandescent lights and 75 arc lamps, and we are glad that as soon as the company gets into the field with their plant they will extend their line to the residence portion of the city and put electric lights in residences at as low a price as gas is furnished in cities larger than Wilmington.

The Churches To-day.

Services at St. John's church to-day by the rector at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Sunday School 3:30 p. m.

St. Paul's church. Fourth and Orange streets, F. N. Skinner, rector. Feast of the Circumcision, January 1st, 1893. Services as follows: Eleven a. m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. At 7:30 p. m., Evening prayer and sermon. Sunday School at 3:30 p. m. All seats free.

St. Matthew's English Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Preparatory and Communion services at 11 a. m. New Year's services at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Seats free, all services in English; every person welcome.

Rev. W. T. Jones will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church this morning. Services at the usual hour.

English services will be held to-day in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church at 11 a. m. and German services at 7:30 p. m. Both services will be conducted by the Rev. F. W. E. Peschall, D. D.

Our Colored Churches.

Rev. L. T. Christmas will occupy his pulpit at the Central Baptist Church, corner of Seventh and Red Cross streets to-day at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. A Hindoo will lecture to the Sunday School at 1 p. m., and to the congregation to-night. Strangers and all are welcome.

St. Mark's church, corner Mulberry and Sixth streets, services Sunday, January 1st, 7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., John G. Fawcett, priest in charge.

Post Office Hours Monday.

Monday, January 2nd, being a legal holiday, the postoffice will be closed on this day, except that the general delivery will open till 10 o'clock a. m., and the registry department from 8 to 10 a. m.

The carriers will make two collections, at 4:30 a. m., and at 4 p. m., and two deliveries, at 6 a. m. and at 3:30 a. m.

Geo. Z. French, P. M.

The W. & W. Railroad's Book Taxes.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31, 1892.

To the Messenger: It seems that there exists an impression that the city in contracting with certain lawyers for the recovery of taxes against the Wilmington and Weldon railroad has virtually given to them a bonus amounting to some ten thousand dollars, and ten million dollars. Under ordinary circumstances twenty-five per cent. of the recovery, without any retainer for legal services in advance, and uncertain litigation requiring professional capacity would be regarded as low compensation. I am told that some good people think it is excessive in this case. Their reason is that they have taken up the cry, and they are the lawyers who are doing nothing to do but to make out a bill for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and walk up to the railroad office and shake the President and shake the money out of him before breakfast. On the contrary, so far as I know, the money made by the recovery of this corporation and of evolving the principles upon which its case rests. The recent decision of the Federal Supreme Court, little or no application to this case. Col. Strange consulted with me last summer. I agreed with him that the claim was good. There were legal reasons then which rendered immediate action impracticable. I did not devote much time to it then because there was no way to push it and because I saw that the master of the case had consisted mainly in trying to look wise in agreement with the city, and I knew more about it than I did. Up to these presents, Strange has done the work and furnished the brains. If in the street by and by his associates do not do more than I have, Strange ought to have the whole fee. Nobody will now ever allege that the city attorney should undertake and conduct heavy litigation for the little salary which is paid to him for attending the meetings of the Board of Aldermen and giving general advice. I think it always has been the custom to pay the city attorney regular fees for all suits and work in the courts.

If the matter had been brought before the City Board last Summer, or at any other time, for the recent Supreme Court ruling, it would have been regarded as a wild cat suit, with the lawyers taking all the risks, and fifty per cent. contingent would probably have been made by any competent counsel who would have undertaken it. All the racket comes out of the fact that the promulgation of the Supreme Court decision on points foreign to the questions involved in the city case has created the impression that the case is already decided in its favor.

Up to the present "convulsions" nobody but Col. Strange and those he consulted knew that the city had a case.

D. L. RUSSELL.

Late Arrivals.

"Oh, you are going to the village?" "Yes, wife." "Then don't forget to bring me a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for Coughs and Colds, the medicine that cured Mary's cough after she had let it run along till she had given up getting rid of it. Remember, Kemp's Balsam. You can get it at any of the drug stores."

Home-sent Prisoners Released.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—McLuicke, Ross and Diebold have been released on bail. The security was furnished by a syndicate organized by Attorney Brennan. Bail for McLuicke and Ross is \$25,000, and for Diebold \$20,000. The men were taken away from jail very quietly and are now at Home-stead.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Itches, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Rob't B. Bellamy.

THE BOOK OF THE NEW YEAR.

The book of the New Year is opened. Its pages are spotted and new. And so each leaf is a blessing.

Dear children beware what you do! Let never a bad thought be cherished. Keep the tongue from a whisper of guile. And see that your faces are winnowed. Through which a sweet spirit shall gale.

And weave for your souls the fair garment of honor and beauty and truth. Which will still with a glory enfold you. When faded the spell of your youth.

And now, with the new book, endeavor To write its white pages with care; Each day is a leaflet, remember To be written with watching and prayer.

And if on a page you discover At evening a blot or a smudge, Kneel quickly and ask the dear Saviour In mercy to cover it all.

So when the strange book shall be finished, And clasped by the angel of light, You may feel, though the work be imperfect, Through which a sweet spirit shall gale.

You have tried to please God in the right. —Unidentified Exchange.

New Advertisement.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The MESSENGER desires to return thanks to its many friends and patrons for the liberal support given its Job Department during the year just closed and to bespeak a continuance of the same.

The MESSENGER BOOK AND JOB DEPARTMENT is larger, better supplied and employs more competent workmen than all the other offices in the city combined. Promptness will be given to all orders.

OPEN ALL DAY Sunday Jan. 1, '93.

ROBERT R. BELLAMY, DRUGGIST, N. W. Corner Front and Market Streets.

Executors Notice.

HAVING DULY QUALIFIED AS EXECUTOR of the last will and testament of Thomas Terney, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against his estate to present the same to the undersigned at his office, which will be held in the bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle. Dec. 31st, 1892. JAMES T. POST, Exr. of Thos. Terney. Jan. 1st, 1893.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PATRONS.

BILLS NOW READY DONT ALL COME AT ONCE.

MUNSON & CO

Gent's Furnishers.

FOR - SALE.

FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) ACRES OF LAND, twenty horse farm, balance well timbered, located on Northgate river, 35 miles from Wilmington, N. C., 12 miles of river front. Apply to HENRY SHAW, Administrator of Daniel Shaw, Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 29, 1892. Jan 1-11

The Second Term of that Most Successful SCHOOL, PEACE Institute, JAN. 24-29, Send for Catalogue

And special terms to JAMES DUNWIDDIE, Principal, Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 31, 1892.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS. RESOLVE TO KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY by using nice refreshing Toilet Soap purchased at Bunting's Pharmacy.

A big line of Soaps just received. 16c, 24c, 34c, 40c, per box.

IT HAS COME BY, X-MAS OF '92, AND WE HAVE FOR NEW YEARS GIFTS a lot of beautiful goods at prices to suit.

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