

The Messenger.

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New Advertisements. Concord Chapter—J. D. Munda. Toilet Soap—J. L. Breckenridge.

Official Weather Forecasts. NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, westerly winds.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU. METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 25 YEARS ENDING 8 P. M. LAST NIGHT.

FIFTY LOCALS.

The Wilmington Light Infantry will not have their regular drill to-night.

The Criminal Court of New Hanover county will meet to-day at 10 o'clock.

The colored people of the city celebrated emancipation day yesterday on an extensive scale.

The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance will hold their regular monthly meetings to-night.

The Board of Managers of the Wilmington Produce Exchange will hold their regular monthly meeting to-day at noon in the rooms of the Exchange.

J. H. Pippy, recently arrested in Denver, Colorado, and brought here to answer charges preferred by Post Master French, has been admitted to bail until the 5th inst. of the United States court.

A great many trampers are now migrating southward, and numbers of them are coming into the city and annoying the residents.

The New River oyster company is doing a fine business at their stand at the store of Quinn & Watters, on South Front street.

Masquerading parties of young ladies and young men were all over the city last night.

Some of them paid their respects to the Messenger's office and invaded both the editorial and composing rooms.

Paul Galt, alias Black Diamond, the terror of Doss Neck, was scooped in by Officers J. L. Salling and C. E. Wood on Sunday afternoon.

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First Annual Ball.

The Vergennes Verein, organized among the young Germans of our city the past year, gave its first annual ball last night at the Germania Hall and it all their balls are so well attended and so enjoyable that we can say now that they will be successful to a very great degree.

The large hall was crowded with spectators and dancers and from forty to fifty couples were on the floor one time. For pretty young ladies this occasion was hard to beat, and in all respects it was a happy crowd that joined in the dances of the dance. The music was furnished by Professor Miller's band, and there were dances, waltzes, lancers, etc.

At 12 o'clock an elegant supper was partaken of, and when appetites had been appeased the dancing was resumed and kept up till this morning. The floor manager was Mr. John Knuck, and the committee of arrangements consisted of Mr. Wm. Koenig, chairman, and Messrs. F. Richter, H. Gieschen, John Knuck, and John Boehm. To these young gentlemen belongs the credit of having provided one of the most delightful entertainments of the season and which will be long and pleasantly remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present.

Christmas Trees.

The Christmas tree entertainment of Grace M. E. Church was held last night at the City Hall, and was a highly enjoyable affair. There was a large attendance, and the little folks had a big time of it. A large holly tree, lighted with wax candles and Chinese lanterns, stood in the midst of the hall, and it bore presents for all the members of the Sunday school, big and little.

The Sunday school of Fifth Street M. E. Church also had their Christmas tree entertainment last night, in the Megginie building, corner of Second and Market streets. There was a large attendance, and it was a happy affair. There were presents for all the children and they went home delighted with the entertainment.

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.

COUNTY MATTERS.

Jurors for the Superior Court—Other Proceedings of the County Commissioners Yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held yesterday at 2:30 p. m., the members in attendance being Chairman H. A. Bagg, B. G. Worth, Roger Moore, E. L. Pearce and B. S. Spont.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Register of Deeds Harp submitted his report of marriage licenses issued during the month of December, showing the number to have been forty and the amount of fees for same \$38.00.

J. W. Perdue, standard keeper-elect, tendered his official bond of \$200, W. M. Tolson and A. Adrian sureties. The bond was approved and returned to the clerk.

Under the action of the Board of Magistrates, granting the Imperial Fine Product Company the privilege of running a railroad through the county's lands from the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to the plant of said Fine Product Company, under restrictions to be regulated by the Board of Commissioners, this board concurred in the grant of the pieces if said railroad is run as near Smith's Creek as possible and is otherwise constructed to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners.

On motion, the board granted further time to M. G. Chadwick, superintendent-elect of the county, and on motion, the Finance Committee of this board was authorized to accept such bond, if, in their judgment, it is satisfactory when it is tendered.

The following jurors were drawn for the next term of the Superior court, to be held commencing on the third Monday in January: J. W. Perdue, W. P. Hewitt, George C. Dew, G. S. Bayland, Godfrey Willis, Jr., T. C. Bray, N. M. Farrow, T. G. Evans, Anthony Dew, F. L. Mills, C. E. Wright, J. M. Warren, J. J. Fowler, R. F. Ottaway, W. P. Kerr, W. H. Mintz, J. H. King.

Second West—W. B. Jones, John Mauney, T. L. Howell, H. A. Montgomery, N. M. Hunt, T. J. Kennan, B. R. Nixon, Ed A. Brown, Samuel Blossom, Ben. H. Scott, J. Wilder, G. H. Dickey, Charles Craig, D. H. Wilford, W. J. Warren, J. M. Mitchell, C. H. Borkenbake, James Donlan.

The board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

The "I scener's" Happy New Year and Good Wishes All Round.

Happy New Year to the telegraph companies. May they always have as competent managers and operators as now.

Happy New Year to the Postmaster French. May his success be as accommodating and obliging to the public and especially to the newspapers.

Happy New Year to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. May its next change of schedule make the leaving time from Wilmington a little later than 9 a. m.

Happy New Year to the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina railroad. May its business in rease and may it be great 60-80 to Wilmington.

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Happy New Year to Manager Cronly of the Opera House. May he have nothing but first class companies and they be attended by good audiences.

Happy New Year to the banks. May new customers be added and their business increase.

Happy New Year to Chief Newman. May the fire department always prove as efficient and that it may always have a good chief.

Happy New Year to the Atlantic Coast Lumber and its new route, profitable without hurting Wilmington; its offices move away and business always go to done here.

Happy New Year to the Carolina Central railroad. May its interest be so great that they will be compelled to pay an advance on their stock.

Happy New Year to the Board of Commissioners along its line can obtain the news.

Happy New Year to the Cotton Factory. May it always prosper, as it is doing a great deal more among the poorer classes than is realized.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. C. S. Hines, of Faison, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Morris, of Fayetteville, took a run down to the city yesterday.

We regret to learn that Mr. Dickson Munds is quite sick, having been taken about two weeks ago.

We understand that Mr. B. T. French, lately with Messrs. Sol Heat & Co., of this city, has accepted a position as travelling salesman for a Baltimore house.

Miss Fannie Ducon-Arrell of Richmond, Va., who has been visiting friends in the city returned home yesterday after a pleasant sojourn in our midst. Miss Arrell has many friends here, and her departure leaves at least one of them awfully blue.

Mr. S. O. Collins, of Norfolk, Va., formerly of the firm of LeKies & Collins, of that city, and Mr. C. H. Hostetter, of Norfolk, formerly of the firm of Hostetter & Bro., also of that city, arrived in Wilmington yesterday. These gentlemen are interested in the lumber business and are here prospecting.

THE MURDER OF LIZZIE BROWN.

A Man Arrested on Circumstantial Evidence Connected with the Crime.

To-night one week ago the young colored woman, Lizzie Brown, was murdered in rear of the stables back of Capt. W. P. Oldham's mansion. The dead body was discovered until next day at 5 o'clock, and it was nearly covered up with sleet and snow.

The murdered woman was one of the disreputable characters that infest that section of the city known as Paddy Hollow, and her murder was shrouded in mystery. A negro detective named Charles Simmons was arrested on suspicion of committing the deed, but he was subsequently discharged, as there was no evidence against him.

Since then two detectives have been working up clues, and as a result of their work another arrest was made yesterday about 10 o'clock. The party arrested was Henry Austin, colored, and the officer who made the arrest was Policeman Marsh Walker. The arrest was made at the instance of detectives B. P. Turington and Jas. B. Brinkley. There is some strong circumstantial evidence against Austin, and he will have to answer them to-day at a preliminary hearing to be held before Mayor Ricaut at 12 o'clock. Officer B. P. Turington read the warrant to Austin, and it is said he was greatly agitated when it was being done.

We understand that it can be shown that Austin had made threats against Lizzie Brown on the night she was murdered, and that he was following her up.

FACE TO-MORROW NIGHT.

Few entertainments more worthily deserve the consideration that is being conferred upon Mr. Page's readings on to-morrow night. People are arranging their public meetings and private engagements so that they shall not conflict at that time. Without much doubt there will be a large and cultivated audience to greet the author of so many delightful stories, and the vivid portrayal of northern plantation life. We cannot read those stories without being moved by their touching pathos or delightful humor. The high literary ability of Mr. Page has been recently significantly recognized by his being placed on the staff of one of the very best magazines in the country. Certainly Wilmington will not be behind the North in doing honor to her own kind and claim to-night that they will organize the body when it is called to order Wednesday at noon. They claim to have secured the pledges of two Republicans to aid them.

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