

The Messenger.

New Advertisements. For Sale—Special. Agents Wanted—Special. Real Estate—E. S. Tennent. Mechanics Home Association. Hirsch's Sweet Violet Ammonia—J. H. Hardin.

Weather Forecast. Local forecast made at Wilmington yesterday morning for twelve hours from 8 a. m. today: Fair; continued cool westerly winds.

Temperature. 1897—8 a. m., 33 degrees; 8 p. m., 27 degrees; highest, 46 degrees; lowest, 3 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—Sun rises 7:09 a. m.; sets 5:04 p. m.; high water at Southport 11:06 a. m.; low water at Wilmington 12:53 a. m.

Moon's Phases—New moon, 3rd, 12:55 a. m.; first quarter, 10th, 4:37 p. m.; full moon, 18th, 3:08 p. m.; last quarter, 25th, 8:00 p. m.

PITHY LOCALS. A love feast will be held at Grace M. Z. church this evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. E. S. Tennent announces that he has purchased the real estate. See his advertisement in this morning's Messenger.

A colored boy, son of Emma Webb, who resides near the city hospital, accidentally shot himself in the arm with a pistol yesterday.

The business meeting of the North Carolina Society will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association parlors.

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held this afternoon at the chamber's rooms, in the MacRae building, 27 North Front street.

The receipts of cotton here yesterday were 170 bales, against 216 bales the corresponding day in 1896. The local market closed firm at 6 1/2 cents, against 8 1/2 cents the corresponding day last season.

There is quite a penchant on the part of under aged couples to get married. The registers of deeds has orders from parents to not issue marriage licenses to about twenty-five couples from 15 to 18 years of age.

The Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk railroad's offices have been moved from the foot of Orange street to the building formerly occupied by Messrs. Aker, Sprunt & Son, on Walnut street between Nut street and the river.

The married women of the Central Baptist church will give an instructive entertainment at the church tonight. Rev. S. N. Yass, A. M. secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, will preach. There will be a number of other speakers. There will be music by some of the best colored talent of the city. A cordial welcome to all.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. Samuel Hairston, of Oak Hill, is at the Orton.

Mr. R. L. Vernon, of Charlotte, is a guest at the Orton.

Mr. C. H. Nademan, of Scranton, N. C., came in last evening.

Mr. O. E. Justice, of Sneed's Ferry, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. W. R. Walker, of Currie, was in city on business yesterday.

Mr. L. L. Mallard, of Wallace, called on our wholesale houses yesterday.

Mr. T. C. Barnhill, of Galvanti's Ferry, was here on business yesterday.

Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, was here making business calls yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Francis, of Birmingham, Ala., is registered at the Bonitz house.

Mr. W. S. Prior, of Fayetteville, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

Mr. R. E. Covington, of Sanford, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

Mr. J. E. Royal, of Clinton, called on our wholesale business houses yesterday.

J. M. Johnson, Esq., and wife of Marion, S. C., were guests of the Orton yesterday.

The Hon. D. L. Russell will leave here Monday for Raleigh and will be inaugurated as governor on Tuesday.

Mr. D. N. Horne, of Moultrie, Ga., formerly of Duplin county, arrived here yesterday to employ turpentine hands.

Richmond State, January 5th: Mr. James M. Lipscomb leaves tomorrow for Wilmington, N. C., to accept a position.

Messrs. W. Hubbell, E. Quackenbush, B. Ely, W. Gates, W. Hareling, Gay Vanella, and F. Huett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were at the Bonitz house yesterday returning from at Chadbourn.

The Messenger has received a card announcing the marriage of Mr. Bernard J. McGarity, formerly of Wilmington, now of Baltimore, and Miss Florence Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Gilbert, of Baltimore. The wedding will take place at 6 o'clock p. m., January 20th, at St. Elizabeth church, Baltimore.

The Rev. Men. Deputy Great Incomer J. J. Hopkins, assisted by W. C. Carter as Great Prophet, John W. Watson, as Great Senior, Sagamore and J. R. Davis is Great Junior Sagamore, raised to their steps the following chiefs of Eyoia Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men: J. W. Watson, chief of the tribe, who was the sixth sleep, cold moon G. S. D., 404, viz: Sachedi—J. R. Sneed. Senior Sagamore—George Sloan. Junior Sagamore—H. D. Tucker. Chief of Records—J. M. McGowan. Keeper of Wampum—E. R. Wooten. Trustees—Marsden Bellamy, Walker Taylor, James Calder.

After the installation four pale faces were adopted, and refreshments followed.

On account of the lateness of the hour, the installation of the appointive officers was postponed till the next sleep.

The County Home. Mr. T. A. Watson, the new superintendent of the county home, informs us that there are now twenty-one inmates in the home—fifteen colored and six whites. There are four white females, two white males, six colored females and nine colored males. In the insane department there are four patients. In the county house of correction there are four prisoners, not included in the foregoing.

Mr. Watson said he did not care to speak about the condition of the home. He says he will be glad to have his representatives or members of the Associated Charities, the United Charities or other charitable organizations, or any person interested in benevolence, call on him for this interest in the home whenever they can.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Third Day of the Mid-Winter Term—A Day of Convictions for the Offenders Who Carry Concealed Deadly Weapons and Attack People With Them. Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Tuesday, the circuit criminal court of New Hanover county met yesterday at 10 a. m., and during the day's sitting disposed of cases as follows:

State vs. Mary J. Howard, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Judgment was suspended on the payment of the costs and the commissioners were authorized to hire her out if they are not paid.

State vs. Mary J. Howard, carrying concealed deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs and the commissioners were authorized to hire her out if they are not paid.

State vs. J. F. Sutton, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Thomas Lucas, assault with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and was fined \$10, and the costs. The commissioners were authorized to hire him out.

State vs. Thomas Lucas, carrying concealed deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. The commissioners were authorized to hire him out.

State vs. Florence Smith, slander, ancient taken, and case continued for the defendant to the March term.

State vs. Wm. McQueen, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Defendant was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the county house of correction.

State vs. Wm. Townsend and Allen Pearsall, affray, verdict not guilty.

State vs. Louie Nixon, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty and not guilty as to Smith.

The court at 5:30 p. m. took a recess till 10 o'clock this morning.

Oakdale Cemetery Lodge Completed. Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro., the contractors have completed the handsome new lodge at Oakdale cemetery and it will be turned over today to the directors as a finished job. The directors went out to the cemetery yesterday and inspected it.

The lodge is in the same location as the frame lodge that was destroyed by fire but as it is larger, the west wall extending nearly to the fence. The building is 45 by 35 feet in dimensions, one story high and is surmounted by two towers, one 45 feet high and the northwest corner and a lesser one at the southwest corner. The foundation and base is constructed of Mr. Airy granite, the body of the building is built of rough surface blocks of Sandstone and the trimmings consist of buff stone quarried at Gulf, Chatham county, so that all the material is North Carolina product. The plans were furnished by that experienced, veteran architect Mr. James F. Renover, who is carrying them out under his superintendency the contractors have made a magnificent job of it.

The inside finish is very pretty. The chapel is 34 by 24 feet in size and is fitted with an altar and an arched window for accommodating about 400 people. The font, the pulpit, the popular superintendent, has a neat office 12 by 12 feet in size, located under the main tower. There are also lavatories and toilet rooms with the most modern improvements.

The lodge is truly worthy of being in Oakdale and is a fitting testimonial to the zeal and industry of the directors of the cemetery company.

If you desire a luxuriant growth of healthy hair of a natural color, or nature's crowning ornament of both sexes, use only Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer.

A Handsome Monument. A very handsome monument has just been erected in Oakdale cemetery by the family in memorial of the late Mr. Luhr Vollers. It was built and put in position by Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro., the contractors for the monument. It is one of the finest monuments to be seen in the cemetery. Its height is 17 feet and its weight is 30,000 pounds. The base is a hammered granite block six feet by four feet six inches, in graduated squares on the front one of which is inscribed with the name "Vollers." On the base rests a die of beautifully polished granite with the inscription in front and on the sides carved above it, and at each corner of the die are polished columns surmounted by Christian symbols. On the front of the monument is a polished die in which is chiseled a "V" in German text. Surrounding the whole is a beautiful figure of Faith wrought of fine Italian marble. With her hand she is clinging to a cross entwined with palm-leaf flowers, and with her right hand uplifted and her index finger pointing to heaven.

The monument is a very handsome piece of workmanship from bottom to top, and it does great credit to Messrs. Tucker & Bro., having been made entirely of native material at their marble yards, 320 North Front street, between Grace and Walnut streets. All the work was done by home workmen and the structure is certainly a genuine piece of art.

The United States Benevolent Fraternity. At the regular meeting of Hanover Council No. 25, United States Benevolent Fraternity, held at their hall on Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by the supreme president, Rev. Dr. S. Mendicino: President—James F. Post, Jr. Vice President—Henry Burkholder. Counselor—B. J. Jacobs. Secretary—Thomas R. Post. Financial Secretary—Wm. C. Von Glahn. Treasurer—Nathaniel Jacob. Chaplain—George H. James. Guide—J. W. Keen. Warden—Carl Muggs. Sentry—John Baker. Medical Examiner—Dr. D. W. Bullock.

The council was addressed by the supreme president, the president and Mr. John D. Roe, of Baltimore, Md., the supreme organizer for the Benevolent Fraternity in the United States.

During the last ten years this institution has distributed in Wilmington to the widows and orphans of deceased members about \$75,000. The council here has seventy members and it is increasing in membership at nearly every meeting.

The Inauguration of President Alderman. The Messenger acknowledges with thanks an invitation from the trustees and faculty of the University of North Carolina to attend the inauguration of the president, our former townsmen, the distinguished Edwin Anderson Alderman, LL. D. The inauguration will take place on Wednesday, January 27th, in Sefford Hall, Chapel Hill, and for this interesting occasion there will be special arrangements.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Theodore Schutte shoots Ed White in the head with an Old Mink—The Wounded and Dangerous—Shutte Surrenders Himself at Police Headquarters. Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock in Mrs. Geo. L. Schutte's store, on the corner of Bladen and MacRae streets her son, Theodore Schutte, and Ed White, colored, were handling an old fashioned single barreled musket that is fired with a percussion cap. They were endeavoring to get the cap of the tube and when it was prised off it fell into a barrel. While they were trying to get the cap out of the barrel young Schutte was holding the gun in his hands and in some way the hammer was thrown, causing the gun to be discharged. The load, consisting of five shot, struck White on the right side of the head and face. About two dozen shot penetrated about a half inch above the ear, and inflicted a bad though not dangerous wound. The check and ear were also lacerated. Dr. T. R. MacRae was called and picked out a lot of the shot, but did not consider it safe to probe far into the wounded man's head. At last accounts White was getting along very well. He is about 20 years old, and is afflicted with St. Vitus dance.

Young Schutte was 13 years old yesterday. As soon as the accident occurred he went to police headquarters at the city hall and surrendered himself. In view of the fact that the shooting was accidental and the wound not dangerous, Chief of Police John R. Meier recognized him with Mr. W. G. A. Otterson, for his appearance before the mayor today at noon.

Sousa's Peerless Band Tonight. Sousa, the famous composer of American marches, conductor of the unrivaled band whose playing has aroused music lovers of every community in the United States, is again on a grand concert tour, and before its completion the strains of his stirring marches and the harmonies of his splendid organization will have resounded over 21,000 miles of territory traversed by the "March King" and his forces.

Peerless Band Tonight. Tonight at the opera house Wilmington will be favored by a performance by this splendid band, and it is the use of idle words to say that a musical treat is in store for those who will attend the concert. The indications point to the largest audience for Sousa that ever assembled for any attraction in our opera house.

Sousa's influence over every manner and kind of humanity that loves to obey the commands of his stirring music is a proof of the theory of hypnotism. It is related upon the authority of a well-known correspondent, who was in the Orient, when the Chinese forces retreated in disorder before the victorious Japanese, that the military bands of the conquerors inspired their soldiery by the stirring strains of Sousa's marches. They are played by all the famous bands of the armies of England, France, Germany and Russia. This is not fancy. It is a fact.

Accompanying Sousa on this tour is Miss Martina Johnstone, violinist, and Mrs. Elizabeth Northrop, soprano, as well as several instrumental soloists of world-wide fame.

The box sheet for the reserved seats will remain at Gerken's until 6 o'clock this evening.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY. The attraction at the opera house tomorrow night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night, the funniest comedies ever produced is "The Private Secretary" and one of the wittiest writers of America is William Gillette, its author. For several seasons this remarkable play caused one great laugh that resounded from ocean to ocean, and after a rest it again starts on a tour, entirely up-to-date, with a superb company of comedians, headed by Mr. Edwin Travers, who was long associated with the original production.

The first sea for the engagement opens this morning at Gerken's.

A January thaw is always more productive of colds and coughs than a dry frost. There is the time Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is needed and proves so extremely efficacious. Ask your druggist for it, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.

Officers Installed. At the regular meeting of Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., last night, the following officers were installed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, L. L. Boon, assisted by Past Grand G. W. Branch, P. T. Dixie and C. B. Riker, viz: Sitting Past Grand—C. C. Parker. Noble Grand—John E. Gorden. Vice Grand—Wm. Simpson. Right Secretary—S. A. Craig. Financial Secretary—John E. Silva. Treasurer—H. O. Craig. Warden—J. W. Cate. Conductor—George H. Howell. Right Supporter to Noble Grand—G. W. Branch. Left Supporter to Noble Grand—Dr. A. H. Harris. Right Supporter to Vice Grand—F. B. Rice. Left Supporter to Vice Grand—John W. Mintz. Right Scene Supporter—George Smith. Left Scene Supporter—John T. Hawkins. Inside Guard—P. T. Dixie. Outside Guard—W. Stewart.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists return the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The Oil Stove Exploded. Yesterday morning the kerosene oil stove used in the operating room at the city hospital exploded and did considerable damage, but fortunately no one was hurt. One of the attendants had gone into the room and lighted the stove and went out. A few minutes afterward a loud explosion was heard and smoke was seen pouring out from the room. Immediate attention by those on the premises, however, prevented what might have been a serious fire. The operating room is at one end of the hospital and the explosion considerably shook up the building. The room had just been completed and the newly painted walls were blistered and smoked up and the frosted glass in the five windows were shattered. Fortunately the floor of the room is cement, else it would have been impossible to have prevented the place from catching fire from the burning oil. If the attendant had remained in the room he would no doubt have been killed.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Remedy positively cures it, and in many cases relieves it before it has taken its permanent form. It is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It is the only remedy that cures it. It is sold by all druggists and is guaranteed to cure. Send for a free copy of our Circular. Address: J. C. HENNING & CO., Toledo, O.

Healthy Condition of Southern Banks.

Baltimore, January 6.—The Manufacturers Record has received from Comptroller Eckels a statement as to the general situation of the banking interest south. Mr. Eckels says: "The strength of the banking conditions of the south cannot better be evidenced than by the fact that during the fiscal year of 1896 which embraced the most trying portions of 1896 and 1897, there occurred but six national bank failures, while since November 1st, of these two, the bank at Roanoke, Va., and the bank at Charleston, S. C., and again to the Charleston bank, and to the bank at Memphis, Tenn., which were removed to the list of failures. These two failures we have a condition of improvement in the cash reserves of the banks of the south as shown by the bank call of December 17th over that of October 6th, which proves how much more liquid the banks have become since the liquidation of the bank of the south in 1896. 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