

The Messenger.

New Advertisements. Atlantic National Bank. Opera House—'Chrissy'.

Weather Conditions. U. S. Weather Bureau Office. (Reported by C. M. Strong, Local Forecaster.)

The barometer is rising over the eastern and falling over the western sections. It is highest over the Lake region, and lowest over northern Texas, where a storm of considerable energy is central.

Snow is falling over Missouri and Kansas. Fair weather prevails over the central and eastern sections of the country.

In the order over the Ohio valley and middle states, and warmer over the south and southwest.

LOCAL FORECAST. Generally fair, northeasterly winds.

FOR THE STATE. Generally fair, northeasterly winds.

TEMPERATURE. 1896—s. m. 59 degrees; 8 p. m., 58 degrees; highest, 66 degrees; lowest, 55 degrees.

1897—s. m., 36 degrees; 8 p. m., 60 degrees; highest, 60 degrees; lowest, 32 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—sun rises 6:59 a. m.; sun sets 5:32 p. m.; high water at Southampton, 9:41 p. m.; high water at Wilmington, 11:28 p. m.

MOON'S PHASES—New moon, 1st, 3:05 p. m.; first quarter, 9th, 2:11 p. m.; full moon, 17th, 5:03 a. m.; last quarter, 23rd, 10:35 p. m.

PITHY LOCALS. Eight tramps applied at the city hall last night and were given lodging till this morning.

The regular meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at their rooms.

The annual meeting of the Mechanics' Home Association was not held last night, for lack of a quorum.

Notice is given in our advertising columns that there will be a special drill of the naval reserves tonight at 8:15 o'clock, and a full dress inspection Tuesday night.

The Young Men's Christian Association will hold its anniversary exercises on Friday of next week, February 12th.

Miss Catharine Chaston is arranging a programme of fine music for the occasion.

In Justice John J. Fowler's court yesterday William Schenck, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was bound over to the next term of the circuit criminal court. His bond was fixed at \$50 and he gave it.

We again call attention to the annual meeting of the Associated Charities, to be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association. Let all interested in this good work be present.

The regular monthly german of the Ladies' Cognition Club was given last night at Germania hall. Twenty to thirty couples participated, and the affair was a most delightful one.

Senior Sebastian DePina's Italian band played the dance music.

The Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., LL.D., of Hampton Sydney, Va., will deliver an address at the closing of Red Springs Seminary, in June. Dr. Moore is much sought after, and the seminary and town are fortunate in securing him.

Members of the North Carolina Societies will please not fail to be present at the monthly business meeting today at 4 o'clock p. m., as applications for membership will be voted upon. The executive committee will meet at 3:45 o'clock.

The box street will be opened at Gerken's on Friday morning for the performance of 'The Scottish Reformation,' to be given on Monday night at Abbie Chadbourne memorial hall. The box sheet for Tuesday night's performance will be opened Saturday morning.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. Eugene P. Albee, of Winston, is at the Orton.

T. A. McNeill, Esq., of Lumberton, was here yesterday.

Mr. C. W. Bidgood, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. J. H. Durham, who has been held up with the grip, is out again.

Mr. J. C. Carroll, of Raleigh, was a guest of The Orton yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Stanley, of Martville, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Amanda Benton has gone to Town Creek to attend her father, who is sick.

Captain H. H. Smith, so long of the editorial staff of The Star, has severed his connection with the paper and will engage in other business. He left yesterday for Southern Pines on business.

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The dealer gives the money back if it does not cure.

A Piano Man in Town. Mr. C. Jellison, of Chicago, representing the W. W. Kimball Company, the largest piano manufacturers in the world, is in the city. Mr. Jellison sold nearly seventy pianos in Charlotte, all classes of people being his customers.

The Presbyterian college bought several copies of Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic, professional men, laboring men and all persons having use for instruments. All will cheerfully recommend Mr. Jellison and the Kimball piano. The Kimball Company's large output has caused them to turn their own production into ready cash, which will give our Wilmington people a splendid opportunity of securing a first class instrument at what it costs to build it. The splendid new piano used at the performances at our opera house is a Kimball.

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is known by its works. The experience of half a century proves that no other preparation of the kind stops coughing, and always irritates the throat and bronchial tubes so promptly and effectually as this.

THE CAUSE OF SEAMEN.

Mr. Oscar Sisson's company which began a weeks engagement at our opera house on Monday grows more popular with each performance. It is universally conceded to be the best company that ever appeared at our opera house, playing at popular prices.

The company gave a fine matinee performance yesterday afternoon, playing the bright farce comedy 'Wild Oats.' There was a good attendance and the performance was highly enjoyed.

Last night 'Wild Oats' was the bill again, and a large audience was present to greet the clever cast. The play is full of bright music, pretty dancing, and fun making, and the audience laughed, applauded, and manifested its enjoyment and appreciation in the most unmistakable manner. Mr. Sisson as 'Jeremiah Budd' did some truly artistic work, and Miss Wallace played the role of Kitty in a most superior manner.

Miss Reepine as 'Mrs. Tattler' proved herself an exceptionally good actress, and Misses White, Coye, Albert and Gallion, were charming in their roles as netes of Mrs. Tattler. Mr. Fleming was splendid in his role of 'Timothy Stupid,' and Messrs. Kerley, Kerr, and McKelvey, were faithfully sustained their parts. The features that were specially enjoyed and encored were the topical songs of Mr. Sisson, the duet of Miss Wallace and Mr. Kerr, the dancing of Mr. Kerley, and the ensemble singing and dancing.

Tonight the bill will be the charming farce comedy 'Chrissy.' No doubt the largest audience of the engagement so far will attend.

Third or gray hair and bald heads, so displeasing to many people as marks of age, may be averted for a long time by using Hall's Hair Restorer.

The committee of the Westminster League is much gratified at the full attendance at the rehearsals for their entertainment to be given at the opera house next Monday and Tuesday nights.

The parts are all taken and every one expresses satisfaction in the outlook for one of the grandest entertainments ever given in Wilmington. Miss Margaret Gibson will make an ideal Queen Mary and in the presence of her royal court will hear the 'case of Master John Knox' who so greatly troubled her and her reign. Mr. Charles H. Robinson, Jr., will take the part of John Knox and make a grand defense of a person's right of free thought and free speech for every man. The royal manner and costumes of Mary's court will be shown.

The lords and ladies of the court will be escorted to their place by the details of the different military taking the dance music.

Mrs. Monroe lecture is scholarly and historically correct. The stereopticon pictures are the best that can be made.

There has been many tickets sold and every one seems to feel assured of a grand treat.

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Deploable Occurrence. We are pained to learn of a distressing accident that occurred to Louis, the eighteen months old son of Mr. John Kelly, on Tuesday night about 8 o'clock at his home on Sixth street between Dock and Orange streets. While the children were playing in one of the rooms, the little fellow had a spring gun belonging to his little brother Eddie, in his hands of years ago. Eddie took the gun from his baby brother and in handling it while it was lying across his lap the trigger was sprung the shot from the gun striking little Louis in the left eye passing through the upper lid and the upper part of the eye-ball and lodging in the cavity behind.

Drs. Harris and Thomas attended him but it was not considered safe to probe for the shot. It is feared that the child will lose his eyes. At last accounts the little fellow was resting as well as could be expected.

The shot used in the gun is about the size of a duck shot. The gun has sufficient force to kill a bird at a good distance.

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THE WILMINGTON MESSENGER: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1897.

Arrested for Stealing Periodical Stamp. New York, February 3.—Hamilton F. Coleman, a clerk in the general land office at Washington, was arrested by Office Inspectors Morris and Jacobs to-day on a charge of having stolen large quantities of postage stamps. Coleman was arrested on a telegram from Washington. Over \$5,000 worth of stamps were found on his person.

These stamps are known as periodical stamps. They range in value from 1 cent to \$60. When a publishing or printing matter is to be mailed, the postage is paid by the use of these stamps. The stamps are cancelled by the post office and returned to the department at Washington.

The collectors of postage stamps are eager for the stamps and always have a large stock on hand. The stamps have been stolen and sold to them. The face value of the set is \$204.57. The market price is \$100. The stamps have been stolen and sold to them.

It is against one of the statutes of the United States to have these stamps in one's possession, the possession being naturally that of the collector for circulation and not intended to be used for the purpose of the stamps.

The board of trustees then adjourned to meet on the call of the chairman.

Unlike most proprietary medicines, the formulae of Dr. C. A. Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other preparations are cheerfully sent to any physician who applies for them. Hence the special remedies by the World's Fair commissioners.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores. The following were the receipts of cotton and naval stores for the port of Wilmington, N. C., for the week ending February 3, 1897.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad—9 bales cotton, 1 barrel tar.

Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad—229 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 38 barrels rosin, 79 barrels tar.

Central Railroad—3 casks spirits turpentine, 29 barrels rosin, 1 cask Cape Fear and Yadin Valley Railroad—60 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad—246 barrels rosin, 67 barrels tar.

Central Railroad—174 bales cotton, 33 casks spirits turpentine, 31 barrels rosin, 164 barrels tar.

The Brotherhood Star Course. Don't forget to reserve your seats at Yates' book store this morning for the lecture of Dr. James Hedley tomorrow night in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium.

CHAPLAINS REPORT. To the annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society, Wilmington, N. C., Sirs: We have the honor to respectfully report that acting as chaplains of the port during the past year (1896) we have held our regular religious services each Sabbath afternoon.

We have visited on the ships and sought in other ways the sailors, inviting them to these services.

We have held ourselves always in readiness to render any services in our power for seamen in our port.

Belonging to the Seamen's Friend Society, we have held ourselves always in readiness to render any services in our power for seamen in our port.

The attendance of sailors on the services at the Bethel has suffered a diminution accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, A. D. McCLEURE, J. C. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Ministers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS. To the Officers and Members of the Seamen's Friend Society: The undersigned committee on repairs and repairs tender this annual report, and would say that on the first of the past October, we rented the building owned by the society, and the same was in a very bad state of repair.

At the same time with the exception of Mr. Kurfurth whom we paid \$400 for the repairs, we were unable to do more than to have the building repaired.

The amounts are as follows: W. P. Penny & Co., \$240; W. J. Kirkham, \$350; H. A. Kure, \$225; W. P. Oldham, \$100; T. E. Sprunt, \$100.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE. Your committee beg leave to report that services, conducted by the chaplain and his associate, have been held in the Bethel every Sunday afternoon during the year.

The attendance has been as follows: First quarter 564 persons; second quarter 409 persons; third quarter 208 persons; fourth quarter 230 persons. Total attendance for the year 1,411 persons; average 20 persons for each Sunday.

On April 5, 1896 the sailor's friend, Mrs. Macfarlane died. She was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the sympathy to the sick and suffering in all good works, her utmost endeavors were exerted for our welfare and prosperity. Mrs. Macfarlane was a friend dear to us all.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES I. METTS, W. J. WOODWARD, JAMES McDUGALL, Keepers of Home.

REPORT KEEPER OF HOME. Seamen's Friend Society: Gentlemen—I beg to report that during the last year the following number of officers and seamen have lodged in the home:

American officers 49 men 20 English 2 12 Danish 5 5 Swedish 10 10 Norwegianians 10 54 Germans 2 9 Italians 1

Total officers 73 men 138

The auditing committee reported having examined the books of the treasurer and found they were correct, with proper vouchers for all disbursements.

Mr. I. T. Alderman and Captain James I. Metts were appointed a committee to nominate a board of trustees for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were nominated: Messrs. George Harris, George R. French, F. W. Kerchner, James Sprunt, W. J. Woodward, Rev. Dr. Robert Strang, Joseph D. Smith, James I. Metts, I. T. Alderman, James McDougall, T. E. Sprunt, W. P. Oldham, W. R. Moore, and N. Jacob.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Carmichael the secretary was authorized to cast the vote for the above nominees, and they were elected.

Mr. James Sprunt stated that as it appeared to be the unanimous desire of the society to re-establish the reading room the committee would at once take the work in hand and push it forward to completion.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael alluded to the presence of several of the directors at all the services during the past year and their faithful performance of all duties. He also spoke of the necessity of making such rules and regulations as would be more useful and interest on behalf of all the members of the society, and

the great importance of re-establishing the reading room as early as possible.

Mr. James Sprunt made reference to the illness of the president and vice president, and motion the sympathy of the society was expressed with the hope that both of these gentlemen would soon recover.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That the secretary is requested to convey to Samuel Smith, Mr. George Harris, president, and Mr. George R. French, vice president, being absent on account of sickness, on motion of Rev. Dr. Carmichael, Mr. James Sprunt, was made president pro tem and Colonel W. J. Woodward was appointed secretary.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael, chaplain, opened the proceedings with prayer. The president, treasurer, chaplains, committee on public worship, committee on repairs and keeper of the home submitted their reports and on motion of Captain James I. Metts they were received, adopted and ordered on file.

The following are the reports of the officers and committees: THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Wilmington, N. C., February 2, 1897. Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to announce this meeting as the forty-fourth anniversary of the Seamen's Friend Society, and while not anything has occurred during the past year to make special mention of, we have had a most successful year, and everything connected with our institution has worked harmoniously. Every one connected with it have acted faithfully, particularly so with the committee on religious services at the Bethel, and also the efforts of the chaplain have been untiring and the choir, who have aided materially in making our services most interesting, deserve our special thanks.

I beg to call your attention to the reports of the chaplains, secretary and treasurer and the different committees. No action has been taken as to the Bethel, which was suggested at our last annual meeting as being an important object in making the Bethel service a complete success, and I bring this matter to your special notice and consideration and for some definite action on the part of the Seamen's Friend Society, of New York, for their annual donation to aid in support of our chaplains, also to the city press for favors.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE HARRIS, President. TREASURER'S REPORT. The Seamen's Friend Society in account with W. J. Woodward, Treas. \$548 01 Receipts. From American Seamen's Society, 400 00 Rents, 895 04 Interest, 4 67 Annual dues, 41 00 Mrs. Smith, Liverpool, 100 00 1540 71 Disbursements. Bethel Rev. Dr. Carmichael, 150 00 Rev. A. D. McCleure, 130 00 Organist, Janitor, etc., 174 25 Insurance, 104 55 Total, 558 80 Shipwrecked Sailors, 9 00 Interest on mortgage, 85 00 Mrs. M. T. Harris, 4 00 Mrs. T. Harris, 2 00 Collecting dues, etc., 2 00 Total, 1000 00 1346 60 Balance in Savings bank, 842 12 Having been appointed a committee to examine and audit the books of the treasurer of the Seamen's Friend Society, I have the honor to report and find them in good shape and vouchers satisfactory. I, T. ALDERMAN.

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THINK OF IT!

William Orrell's woolen mill, at Glendale, Mass., started today, employing 130 men.

At Henderson, Ky., S. E. O'Berford, dry goods dealer, has assigned his liabilities \$54,000, assets \$30,000.

The British government has ordered that the text of the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain be published.

The S. T. Moore Company, of Louisville, Ky., dealers in furniture, assigned this afternoon liabilities \$26,000, assets estimated at \$20,000.

The disturbances which prevailed at Madrid Tuesday in consequence of the strike of a large number of workmen have subsided and the city is now perfectly quiet.

The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have unanimously elected Frank Thomson president of the company to succeed George B. Roberts, deceased.

In the house of commons Mr. Ferdinand Boss, member for the St. Roke division of Glasgow, moved the second reading of the bill to confer the parliamentary franchise upon women.

The official returns of the death authorities show that there were ninety-seven deaths from the plague in Bombay Tuesday and fifty-one deaths from the disease at Kurrachee.

Johnson Harris and William Litting, both while men, fight a duel near Arks, Okla., a pretty half-breed Indian man and a white man.

The Kentucky republicans who called on Major McKinley yesterday suggested the appointment of St. John Boyle, a well known lawyer of Louisville, to the position of attorney general.

It was stated at Canton last night, to which is considered reliable authority, that J. Addison Porter, of Connecticut, was offered the private secretaryship to President-elect McKinley, and accepted.

The Missouri house of representatives by a vote of 77 to 12 passed a bill prohibiting the playing of base ball on Sunday. A strong effort will be made to defeat the bill if it reaches the senate.

A wreck occurred on the North-western railway at Arlington, S. D., at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in which four persons were killed and a large number injured. The train which was wrecked was unable to take its regular track, the switch being clogged with ice. The engine from the approaching train struck the passenger car, completely wrecking it.

Utah Elects a Senator. Salt Lake City, Utah, February 3.—Ex-Congressman J. L. Rawlins was elected United States senator this afternoon by the legislature. He received thirty-two votes, the number necessary to elect. Thatcher, the next leading candidate, received twenty-nine votes, and two votes were scattered.

DIED. TAYLOR—On Tuesday at 11:21 o'clock p. m. Emily, wife of W. C. Taylor, aged 66 years and 3 months.

Funeral services at Christian Street Presbyterian Church this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited.

SPECIAL NOTICES. COMMODOUS DWELLING. EIGHT Rooms, modern conveniences, on Second street. A. A. WRIGHT & SON, Real Estate and Rental Agents. Feb 4-11.

NOTICE.—I HAVE OPENED A GUNSMITH and Repair Shop at No. 7 North Second street. I have had 31 years experience in the business and guarantee satisfaction. Repairing and stocking guns, pistols, revolvers, etc. CHARLES H. POLLEY. Jan 31-11.

JUST RECEIVED A FINE LOT OF FRESH Goods. Fresh Eggs, also Early Egg Seed. Potatoes, etc. W. W. WARD, City. Jan 29-11.

JUST RECEIVED A LOT OF PRETTY Calendars. Children will please call and get one. See our new style New Home. It is a beautiful calendar for the year. We have ever sold for the money. Examining it before purchasing is our motto. W. W. WARD, City. Princess street. Jan 29-11.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN FOR A PERMANENT POSITION. Good salary guaranteed; must be a native born American. Apply to CHASE, Sun Building, Washington, D. C. Jan 28-11.

LOST—FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. Water Spaniel puppy, answers to name of Lassie; with black back, black eyes, white feet, brown around neck. Information received by Mr. J. H. HARRIS, 100 North Front street. Jan 29-11.

THOMAS & CO. ARE SELLING FINE Creamery Butter at 50c per pound. Call and see the special inducements offered to cash buyers at their Store, Vaudeville corner Fourth and Campbell streets. Jan 14-11.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST. THE LATEST and prettiest March, for sale by pound. Call on the latest Music. Polos, can be had as soon as published. From GEO. HARRIS, 100 North Front street. Jan 12-11.

WANTED—A POSITION WITH A WHOLESALE firm or Traveling Salesman. Address W. P. CAREY, The Messenger, Wilmington, N. C. Jan 11-11.

DEPOSIT IDEAL MONEY IN THE Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. Capital \$100,000. Interest paid at rate of 4 per cent. Jan 3-11.

THE FOUR-HUNDRED CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS are the latest style; handsome; the best and best Christmas presents for all of us. They are dandies. U. C. ELLIS, 100 North Front street. Jan 3-11.

OFFICE FOR RENT, 19 IS, MULBERRY, 19 isces from front door, open every day. Large southern windows. Private bath and hot water. Rent \$10 per month. Call on Moore. Jan 2-11.

FOR RENT—DWELLINGS. Stores, Offices and Halls. For Sale—Dwellings, Stores, Vacant Lots; Cash or time payments. Cash advanced on all contracts. Apply to O'CONNOR Real Estate Agent, Wilmington, N. C. Jan 2-11.

EYESIGHT IS PRICELESS. DON'T neglect it. Who need good eyes without spectacles of a fine quality at the low price I fit them? I have the finest lenses in any style of frames, gold, nickel, aluminum, etc. To whom you purchase no charge for testing and fitting. I have the best of references. Am located at 317 Princess street. DR. J. H. HARRIS, Jan 30-11 sat in sat.

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What is a Man Worth. BY DR. JAMES HEDLEY. Admission 50c. Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Friday, February 5, 10 o'clock, meet, open Thursday at Yates'. Feb 3-11.

NOTICE NAVAL RESERVES. YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO attend special Drill Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock, and full dress inspection Tuesday night at same hour. H. H. McHENRY, Lieut. Commanding. Feb 4-11.

Good Luck Baking Powder. 25 CASE LOT? GOOD LUCK, REGULAR price, less 14 per cent., freight prepaid if ordered of W. B. COOPER, WILMINGTON, N. C.

OPERA HOUSE. TONIGHT. O. Car. P. Sisson, Comedy Company. In the Four Act Comedy "Chrissy". Pleasing specialties and laughter a "plenty". Popular prices, 10, 25 and 50 cents. Seats for sale at Gerken's. Feb 4-11.

NOTICE. THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT J. F. Jarrell, Jr. is no longer in our employ at the Sans Souci Fertilizer Works, and he has no authority to give any order or receive goods of any kind for said factory, and we forbid any and all parties owing the firm of J. F. Jarrell, Jr. to continue to do so. Any party making any such payment to the firm of J. F. Jarrell, Jr. will be held liable therefor. J. F. JARRELL & CO. Wilmington, N. C. Jan 28-11.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON, WILMINGTON, N. C. WITH UNSURPASSED FACILITIES FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS, ENTRUSTED TO IT, THIS BANK OFFERS TO ALL EVERY ACCOMMODATION CONSISTENT WITH LEGITIMATE BANKING