

The Messenger.

Weather Conditions. (Reported by C. M. Strong, Local Forecaster.) U. S. Weather Bureau Office, March 10. The high barometer area has moved to central over the Ohio valley and has lost considerable energy over Tennessee. It is much cooler over Tennessee and New England. It is much warmer over the south Atlantic states, with generally fair weather prevailing over all sections, except the middle coast.

LOCAL FORECASTS. To 12 o'clock (mid) Thursday—Showers early in the day, followed by fair weather, cooler, northerly winds.

FOR THE STATE. Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mid) Thursday—Fair, preceded by local showers on the coast for the morning; cooling, northerly winds.

TEMPERATURE. 1897—8 a. m., 59 degrees; 8 p. m., 60 degrees; highest, 69 degrees; lowest, 47 degrees.

1897—8 a. m., 62 degrees; 8 p. m., 66 degrees; highest, 75 degrees; lowest, 54 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—Sun rises 6:17 a. m.; sun sets, 6:04 p. m.; high water at Southport, 1:38 a. m.; high water at Wilmington, 3:04 a. m.

Moon's Phases—New moon, 3rd, 6:48 a. m.; first quarter, 11th, 10:20 a. m.; full moon, 18th, 4:19 p. m.; last quarter, 25th, 6:51 a. m.; apogee, 8th, 3:02; perigee, 20th, 7:02.

PITHY LOCALS. Mr. W. F. Alexander, of Middle Sound, was here yesterday. He brought a lot of apparatus to the town for shipment to the northern markets.

It has leaked out that a bill was "sneaked" through the general assembly repealing chapter 182, of the acts of 1895, providing for the collection of the back taxes due the city of Wilmington.

The receipts of cotton here yesterday were 170 bales, against 119 bales the corresponding day in March last year. The local market closed firm at 7 cents, against 7 1/2 cents the corresponding day last season.

The republicans of the First ward held a mass meeting at the old Phoenix hall on Sixth and Brunswick streets last night and endorsed Alderman A. J. Walker as their candidate for alderman at the approaching city election.

Mr. Dan Branch, while handling a pistol at Mr. P. R. Fowler's coal and wood yard yesterday, accidentally shot his cousin, Mr. Andrew Smith. The ball entered the thigh, but was extracted. The wound is painful, but not serious.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. Jeff L. King, of Winston, is among the guests at the Orton.

Mr. E. H. Jennings, of Fayetteville, came down to the city last night.

The Rev. A. McFadyen, of Clarkston, was registered at the Orton yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Murchison, of Greenboro, master of trains of the C. & Y. V. railway, is in the city.

Mr. A. W. Rivenbark, who was hurt at the fire in Mrs. Newberry's store, was able to come down to the store yesterday.

Dr. W. B. Murphy, of Towahawk, came down to the city yesterday and was a welcome caller at The Messenger office last evening.

The Industrial South. Messrs. A. B. Raylett and L. S. Foote, of "The Industrial South," arrived in Wilmington yesterday. They are at work on a big edition, taking in all the cities and towns along the Seaboard Air Line, and will spend a few days here to arrange for a suitable representation for Wilmington.

The object of The Industrial South is to represent to the world the resources of the south, and the advantages offered here for the investment of capital in diversified industrial pursuits. Wilmington being one of the most important cities on the line, will come in for a favorable representation. The issue, which will be very large and printed on book paper, will be illustrated by a large number of beautiful half-tone cuts of scenes along the line. These will include manufacturing plants, public buildings, street scenes, etc. Wilmington will also be portrayed by pen and pencil, and should have a liberal space in this edition.

To retain an abundant head of hair of a natural color to a good old age the hygiene of the scalp must be observed. Apply Hall's Hair Renewer.

The Shooting Affair. In Justice J. M. McGowan's court yesterday Riley Smith, the young white man who fired a revolver at Herbert Beaman, charged with giving a hearing on the charge of assault and battery and with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The accused was defended by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and was discharged. It was shown that he was attacked with rocks and fired the shot in self defense. It was also shown that he carried his pistol in his hand and did not have it concealed.

Jose Mintz was fined \$10 and the costs on the charge of assault. Herbert Beaman, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was discharged for lack of evidence.

Death of Mrs. Fred Rhew. We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Fred Rhew, one of our oldest citizens, who had a stroke of paralysis on Tuesday morning, as mentioned in The Messenger yesterday. He passed away yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. He would have reached the 75th year of his age on the 20th inst. The deceased leaves a wife and daughter who have the sympathy of their friends in their sad bereavement.

The remains will be carried on the 2 o'clock train on the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk railway this afternoon to Edgecombe, where the interment will take place in the family burying ground. The following will be the pallbearers: Messrs. M. Mashburn, J. P. Everett, Bryant Hill and C. W. McClary.

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THE ALDERMEN.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD LAST NIGHT.

Registrars and Pollholders Appear at the City Election—Another Claim Against the City—The Fire Alarm System—Additional Appropriations.

Pursuant to the call of the mayor, the board of aldermen held a special meeting last night, in attendance being Mayor Harris and Aldermen Hicks, Northrop, Cameron, VonGlaben, Springer, Gore, Meares, Nixon, and Walker.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. On motion of Alderman Cameron, the board appropriated \$10 to refund to Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., in defending him on a charge of assault and battery, committed in the discharge of his duty.

At the request of Alderman VonGlaben, chairman of the fire committee, the clerk read a long report from Mr. R. J. McHenry, of the condition of the fire alarm system, including suggestions for the rebuilding of the system and its future management.

The clerk also read the following: Wilmington, N. C., March 8, 1897. W. C. VonGlaben, Chairman Fire Committee, Wilmington.

The probable cause of the failure of the bells to ring for the fire on the morning of the 27th of February, 1897, as far as I can judge from investigation and testing, is that the wires having been grounded in several places, cutting the current off all the boxes between these grounds, the boxes pulled down from the ground, and the wires cut.

One of the grounds being intermittent only interrupted the current during the night of the 27th of February, 6 p. m. and 9:30 p. m., one of the grounds had sprung out, leaving the wires in connection with the mains and also in same condition at 5 o'clock when the alarm from box 52 having been given, the wires were broken out from the spring which broke out when the swing would come in at times the boxes between two grounds had two grounds breaking the circuit. One ground on a round circuit does not interfere with the working of many, but two will cut off all instruments between them. If both grounds had been constant I would have been sure that the wires between them would have been cut.

I tested, one of the interruptions had cleared, leaving but one that does not work, and the other ground was between the two grounds described, the wires were in the probable cause of failure. You can't detect one ground unless you test for same, knowing of the location of the ground, and the wire is not insulated.

R. J. McHENRY, Super. Fire Alarm.

Alderman VonGlaben stated that he engaged Mr. W. J. Kirkham, an expert electrician, to go over and inspect the fire alarm system, and at his request the clerk read Mr. Kirkham's report as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., March 11, 1897. Mr. W. C. VonGlaben, Chairman Fire Department.

Dear Sir: I have made a thorough inspection of the fire alarm wires and boxes in the city and find at several places the wires are grounded, and thereby letting the rain get into the boxes, which is liable to make the circuit run. The probable cause of the failure, although not properly looked after, I think it the wires were strung up in a haphazard manner, and that they were in better condition. I would recommend that in the business portion of the city the wires be strung up on taller poles, so as not to come in contact with other wires. I found several places where the wires were in contact with other wires, and in some cases the wires were in contact with the ground.

My opinion is that the condition of the wires are kept in the cause of the trouble is the following: W. J. KIRKHAM.

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