

The Messenger.

New Advertisements. A Card—Special. Thanks—Special. Paine's Celery Compound. Call on R. B. Warren, Special. Sealed Provisions, W. A. Harris. Dried Fruit—Brown & Whitted.

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

March 12. The storm center this morning over the Lower Lakes has moved rapidly eastward of the New England coast. Severe gales are reported along the Lakes. A low trough of pressure extends east from Texas to Florida, and thence north along the coast, with thunder storms and rain falling under it over northwest Florida, Alabama and Georgia. Rain has fallen generally along the gulf and Atlantic coast, and light furies of snow over the Lake regions. The barometer has risen rapidly from northern Texas northeast to the St. Lawrence valley, causing clearing, decidedly colder weather over all sections west of the Ohio valley.

LOCAL FORECASTS. To 12 o'clock (mid.) Saturday—Showers, followed by fair weather; colder; northerly winds. FOR THE STATE. Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mid.) Saturday—Fair, preceded by showers on the coast; northerly winds.

TEMPERATURE. 1896—8 a. m., 30 degrees; 10 p. m., 43 degrees; highest, 47 degrees; lowest, 36 degrees. 1897—8 a. m., 64 degrees; 8 p. m., 64 degrees; highest, 70 degrees; lowest, 62 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—Sun rises 6:14 a. m.; sun sets 6:06 p. m.; high water at Southport, 3:24 a. m.; high water at Wilmington, 5:11 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.; eclipse, 30th, 3:02 p. m., 20th, 7:02.

PITHY LOCALS. Mayor Harris has an advertisement in this morning's Messenger inviting sealed proposals for furnishing the city during the next fiscal year.

There was a huge turnout last night at the meeting of Hanover Lodge, I. O. O. F., at which three candidates were put through in the second degree.

Mrs. W. T. Daggett, Colonel W. R. Keen and Messrs. C. H. Robinson and D. G. Worth have cards of thanks to the firemen in The Messenger this morning.

In this morning's Messenger we publish a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Ed. W. Moore, adopted at the last meeting of Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company.

The receipts of cotton here yesterday were 73 bales, against 938 bales the corresponding day in March, 1896. The local market closed dull at 7 cents, against 7 1/2 cents the corresponding day last year.

Messrs. J. C. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass., will place against The Messenger's banks for their latest kind of a new novelty, "The House That Jack Built." Ask your druggist for this novelty. It will be exceedingly pleasing to the children.

There is a man in town who doesn't know a fire alarm box from a letter box. Yesterday morning when an electrician went to box 46, at Third and Nun streets, to wind it up, he found a letter in the top of the box. It was taken out and mailed to its destination, Ludberton.

The Messenger suggests to the owners of the lots on Front and Grand streets, where the recent fire occurred, that they unite in putting up a pretty block of buildings with a roof garden on top. It would give our people an elegant place for concerts, festivals and other open air entertainments.

A meeting for young men is held at the Young Men's Christian Association building every Sunday at 2:30 p. m., lasting a half hour. All young men will find a hearty welcome and a pleasant gathering. Music is a feature of the meeting, and the purpose of the meeting is an evangelistic Bible study.

John Dobson, a negro, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn on Monday, on the charge of stealing a watch from Mrs. R. A. Watts, of Goldsboro, on a train on the Atlantic Coast Line last August, will have a hearing before Justice R. H. Dunston this morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Watts arrived here last evening to testify in the matter.

The Seaboard Air Line has made special preparations for bringing delegates and others to the Southern Baptist convention, which will be in session at Wilmington from May 5th to 14th. The company has issued a special circular of information relative to the convention, which describes the train service and contains valuable details, as well as a list of the officers where tickets can be obtained. As this will be one of the most important religious gatherings in the south during the present year, it will doubtless be largely attended.

There was considerable coolness between The Messenger and the Palace Bakery last night, caused by the action of Mr. W. A. Farris, the proprietor of the Palace. His act consisted in sending around a treat of delicious cream for the entire staff and all the attaches of the office last night. The cream was enjoyed immensely, and Mr. Farris will please accept our thanks for his kind remembrance. On and after today he will be ready to furnish the finest quality of cream to the public.

Cromatic-Bradley. Mr. H. L. Cromatic, of Lollie, Ga., and Miss Janie S. Brady, daughter of Captain K. J. Brady, of Westbrook, N. C., were happily united in marriage Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, The Rev. T. H. Newkirk, of Whiteville, performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. W. P. Monroe, of this city, was best man. The attending couples were Miss Katie Brady, sister of the bride, with Mr. John Hayes, and Miss Henrietta Cromatic, sister of the groom, with Mr. James A. Wooten.

The residence was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, cedar and moss. An elegant supper was served to the guests.

Mr. Cromatic and his bride left Thursday for their home in Georgia.

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

LOCAL POLITICS.

The Democratic Committee to Meet Tonight—The Democratic Primaries to be Held Friday Night and the Republicans' (Friday Night).

The registrars appointed at the meeting of the board of aldermen on Wednesday night, appeared at the city hall last night and were sworn in by F. B. Rice, justice of the peace. They will open the books at 9 o'clock. All citizens who expect to vote at the city election to be held on the 22nd instant for the election of one alderman in each of the five wards of the city, must register.

We learn that the act recently passed by the general assembly to amend the charter of Wilmington will be contested in the courts by the democrats. The question of the constitutionality of the measure will be raised.

We learn from Mr. H. McL. Green, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, that the committee has changed the date for the democratic primaries from Tuesday night to next Friday night, March 19th. The republicans will hold their primaries next Tuesday night to nominate candidates for aldermen in the five wards.

Chairman H. McL. Green gives notice in our advertising columns that there will be a meeting of the county democratic executive committee this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the office of W. B. McKoy, Esq., in the Smith building.

The question as to who will be candidates for the democratic nomination for aldermen from the Second, Third and Fourth wards is exciting much interest. There are no lack of aspirants.

Portner's fine brew of Beck Beer this season has been all the go in Wilmington and everywhere. The second carload has just been received by Mr. Otto Bank, the agent here.

THE BACK TAX MATTER.

Mr. McClammy of the Opinion That the Repeal of the Enabling Act Will Not Interfere with the Collection.

In referring to the act passed by the general assembly repealing chapter 182 of the acts of 1895, which provided for the collection of the back taxes due the city of Wilmington by from 1,500 to 2,000 citizens, we stated that the amount of back taxes was about \$110,000. Herbert McClammy, Esq., tells us that the amount is nearer \$140,000.

Mr. McClammy was asked what effect the repeal of the back tax law will have upon the suits already instituted. He replied that the suits would not be affected.

"None at all. The legislature has many rights guaranteed to it under our constitution, but I have been unable to locate a single provision which empowers a legislature to annul the acts of a previous legislature. The repeal of the law will not affect the suits already instituted and will be the same in the case of Munroe vs. Byers in the 118th re-creation as it would be in the case of the 118th N. C. report and bring action of election and recover the property under the tax deed made to the city."

Thomas A. Edison's Greatest Invention, the "Projectoscope."

Thomas A. Edison was born at Milan, Ohio. At the age of 12 he was a newsboy on the Grand Trunk railway. Who would have thought that at the age of forty years hence, would startle people all over the world by his great inventions? The very idea of presenting on a canvas a picture of an engine, drawing a picture of an hour—showing every motion of engine and train, would have seemed impossible, but today such is a fact. Another realistic picture shown by the Edison Projectoscope is an entire fire department responding to an alarm of fire. This picture shows a large steam engine drawn by two beautiful gray horses, a hose reel, a hook and ladder truck drawn by three horses, the chief of the fire department—all coming down the street at break-neck speed. You can see the engine clearing the sidewalks, the street cars at a standstill and the people pushing to and fro, just as though you were witnessing a real, genuine fire. The above scenes are only two of the many that can be seen in this picture. The management at the opera house, beginning next Monday night, March 15th. Admission 10, 20 and 30 cents. The reserved seat sale opens this morning at Gerken's.

Connoisseurs of good beer in this city and throughout the length of the land agree that the Palace Brewery, W. L. Cunningham, Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Class meeting at 7 p. m. finest and most delicious beer ever put upon this market.

The Burning of Mrs. Daggett's Residence. The damage to the residence and furniture of Mrs. W. T. Daggett by the fire yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, is estimated at \$2,500. She carried \$3,000 insurance on her home and \$2,000 on furniture.

Attempted Arson. An attempt was made on Saturday morning to burn Cedar Grove hotel, of which Mr. W. E. Stevens is the proprietor. About 3:30 o'clock Mr. L. P. Barber, a clerk going after Dr. Lee, attended a sick member of his family when he discovered a fire in the kitchen. He hastened there and with a bucket of water extinguished the flames before they got under full headway. The fire was set under the southeast corner of the building by means of fat pine wood kindled and placed upon a sill. But for Mr. Barber's timely discovery of it the house would have been consumed, and with it, in all probability, two of Mr. Stevens' children, Myrtle and Jimmie, who were sleeping in the room over the fire. When the alarm was given these rooms had filled with smoke almost to suffocation.—Savannah Democrat, March 11.

Vice Chancellor Reed has dismissed the bill in the case against the American Tobacco Company and the trust is victorious in the big fight to destroy it.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Doctors Say; Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels. The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

Tutt's Liver Pills Cure all Liver Troubles.

The second carload of Portner's superior Beck Beer has just arrived and is now on sale.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The spring remedy that is better than all others is Paine's Celery Compound.

Thousands have been cured by it. Physicians use and recommend it.

We Recommend It.

We have it. Try a bottle.

JOHN H. HARDIN, South Front Street.

Offices and Office-Seekers. The new administration is having some rather startling and disagreeable surprises in connection with the service rules. Secretary Gage was assigned yesterday to discover that he cannot select the man to fill such an important office as superintendent of the bureau of engraving and printing, which is now held by Mr. Claude M. Johnson, who receives a salary of \$4,000 a year. Mr. Meredith, of Chicago, held the office under the Harrison administration, and was reappointed for reappointment, but Mr. Johnson cannot be removed except upon charges, and his successor must be selected by competitive examination.

The same rule applies to the two chief engravers and two assistants. The superintendent who receives \$2,000, and the chief engraver who receives \$1,500 and reasonable that the subordinate officers of this bureau should be appointed by competitive examination, and the very delicate and responsible position, and in charge of all the printing money, should be selected by the head of the department. He gives no reason for his refusal, but is responsible for his conduct and honesty, although he has no voice in his selection.

A similar discovery has been made at the postoffice department, where Postmaster General F. A. Hendon, and his legal adviser, the assistant attorney general for that department, must also select the man to fill such an examination. There are a dozen or more candidates for this position, and the bureau of engraving and printing, and when Postmaster General Gage made a selection in favor of a gentleman in whom he has confidence he was informed that the present incumbent could only be removed by the civil service after examination by the civil service.

Secretary Ayer has discovered that he is not an influence in the private life of the government, and that he is not to be considered as a candidate for the position of secretary. Everybody within sight is endeavoring to get the position, and a few Ohio men have not yet made their wants known, but they are being heard from. Senator Foraker is opposed to the plan of making a general distribution of the offices, and is in favor of making a law. Rumor has it that he told the president so yesterday. Mr. Foraker is a man of high standing and men in blouses," as Mr. Quay calls them, expected their reward soon after Mr. McKinley became president, and that they should not be disappointed.

The Churches Tomorrow. St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sabbath school at 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 3 p. m. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. P. H. Hodge, pastor. Divine service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. on Thursday. Seats free.

Grace M. E. church, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. R. A. Wines, pastor. Services on tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. Weekly prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Services at Fifth Street M. E. church tomorrow as follows: Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cunningham. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Class meeting at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to all services.

MRS. ELIZABETH KNOTT, Atlanta, Ga. Don't buy substitutes. Buy the "Just as good," but buy the old reliable and standard Blood Purifier of the age. Beware of cheap imitations. For sale by Druggists.

Some Lettuce Returns. Oh, yes, it can be done; there is no mistake about it! There are gold mines all about us if we only had eyes to see them. Every one who reads the profits are accumulating which demonstrate the truth of every statement made by the writer of the "Lettuce" article in the Sunny South colony. Last fall Mr. Brown prepared some lettuce beds, but unfortunately he sowed the seeds at the time he was very late in planting. The mild winter weather, and the early frost on the market and for the early crop prices were very low. But the January winter swept, and the lettuce prices ruled at from \$1 to \$7 per barrel. Mr. Brown's lettuce was sold at this price, and he witnessed his net returns: "From a bed 30x150 feet he has harvested 100 bushels of lettuce, enough to hear from to crowd his profits close up to \$125. One shipment of 50 bushels will bring him over \$15. Mr. P. Coultas has had sufficient returns to net him a profit on the season's work. Glendale was less fortunate, but returns were satisfactory on all shipments made. Mr. Ramsbottom sold one shipment at \$5 per barrel. All these have now paid the price at which experience is usually held, and next year they will be even more successful. Last week Wilmington made the largest single shipment of lettuce that has ever been made to the market, and the demand for it is nearly as great as that for celery. There is no longer a question as to the value of lettuce, which comes to Sunny South colony and patiently waits for the market. The best conditions and gaining experience is bound to succeed.—Truckers' and Planters' Journal.

Tariff and Cotton Ties. Cotton ties are now on the free list, and the cotton tariff is expected to restore them to the dutiable list in order to rescue the home industry from death at the hands of foreign cheap labor. Hence a southern firm started out a few days ago to stock up with ties at the hands of foreign cheap labor. Hence a southern firm started out a few days ago to stock up with ties at the hands of foreign cheap labor. Hence a southern firm started out a few days ago to stock up with ties at the hands of foreign cheap labor.

Caught With a Fake Gold Brick.

There is a pretty well authenticated rumor in Jonesboro that one of its wealthy citizens has had the gold brick trick played upon him successfully. The rumor is as follows:

About March 1st a stranger appeared in Jonesboro, N. C., and announced a "double" interview with Sion H. Buchanan, the banker and one of the leading men (politically) of the place. He stated that he was a miner from Arizona, and owned a valuable mine in that State. That his former partner was a man named Buchanan, who had deceived him but that said Buchanan had so often deceived him that he had decided to find him. At that time he signed himself B. H. Buchanan and he was induced to believe that he was the real Buchanan.

His familiarity with the Buchanans, and the fact that he had been a partner on Sion, and the stranger in confidence with the Buchanans, led him to believe that the story of his wealth and wonderful mine was true. He was induced to invest upon to accompany this miner to Norfolk to look over the mine, and he was induced to forming a business connection. There were other men present, and they were subjected to tests. They were all right, and Mr. Buchanan was made one of the partners of the concern, but for a pretty good consideration; but to steady his nerves he was induced to invest in some property to prove that all was fair. These bricks were worth \$40,000. So S. H. returned to his home in Jonesboro, and he had made a considerable sum, some say for the small sum of \$500.

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