

The Messenger.

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New Advertisements. Notice—Specials. Advertising Rates. Gall Borden Eagle Brand. Bannan-Brown and Whitted. Business Opportunity—Special. Criminal Court—F. W. Foster.

Weather Conditions. (Reported by C. M. Strong, Local Forecaster.) U. S. Weather Bureau Office, April 6.

The barometer has fallen rapidly over the southwest, with lowest to-night over Oklahoma. It is higher over the northwest and the Ohio valley. Local rain is falling now over Kansas, the New England states, and snowing over South Dakota with local showers during the day along the Gulf coast, over Florida and the lower lake regions. It is cooler along the coast from North Carolina north and over the northwest, and slightly warmer over the southwest.

LOCAL FORECASTS. To 12 o'clock (mid.) Thursday—Fair, local showers at night, easterly winds. FOR THE STATE.

Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mid.) Thursday—Fair, local showers at night; easterly winds. TEMPERATURE. 1896—8 a. m., 52 degrees; 8 p. m., 54 degrees; highest, 64 degrees; lowest, 50 degrees.

1897—8 a. m., 56 degrees; 8 p. m., 60 degrees; highest, 66 degrees; lowest, 53 degrees. Miniature Almanac—Sun rises 5:35 a. m.; sun sets 6:28 p. m.; high water at Southport 12:23 a. m.; high water at Wilmington, 2:10 a. m.

Moon's Phases—New moon, 1st, 11:15 p. m.; first quarter, 19th, 3:15 a. m.; full moon, 17th, 1:17 a. m.; last quarter, 24th, 4:29 p. m.; apogee, 4th, 9:02; perigee, 17th, 3:06.

PITHY LOCALS.

The military opening at Taylor's bazaar takes place today and tomorrow.

The new truck schedule goes into effect on the Atlantic Coast Line next Tuesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held today at 3:30 p. m.

The proceedings of congress and much other telegraphic news is to be found on the third page.

Mrs. E. Warren & Son will have a grand opening today at their elegant confectionery store, on Front and Market streets.

The annual meeting of the Wilmington Produce Exchange will be held at noon next Tuesday. The polls for the election of officers will be open from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

A number of men stayed up all night last week to be the first in when the box sheet opens this morning at Gerken's for the performance by Joseph Jefferson next Saturday night at the opera house.

In our advertising columns Colonel F. W. Foster, chairman of the board of county commissioners, gives notice to county delinquents and witnesses that a special term of the circuit criminal court of New Hanover county will be held on Monday, April 26th, by order of Judge Thos. H. Sutton, of Fayetteville.

A memorandum book taken from a negro who was arrested several days ago has been handed to us. It contains a list of names, with dates of the birth and death of people in quite a number of places in North Carolina. It may be the order book of some one interested in monument work. If any one has memoranda of the kind, it can be found at The Messenger office.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Geo. McP. Batty, of Charlotte, is here.

Mr. A. A. Clark, of Roseland, was here yesterday.

Major J. B. Ezell, of Columbia, is in the city.

Mr. Alex. J. Field, of Oxford, was at the Orton yesterday.

Mr. J. K. Morrissy, of Winston, is a guest of the Orton.

Mr. P. R. Mason, of Southport, came up to the city yesterday.

Mr. W. H. French, of Rocky Point, visited the city yesterday.

Mr. M. Bradshaw and wife, of Maxton, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. G. W. McMillan, of Ivanhoe, arrived in the city last evening.

Mr. C. M. Hawkins, of Raleigh, was a guest of The Orton yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Shearin, of Castle Haynes, made business calls here yesterday.

Mr. John H. Devereaux, of Charlotte, was among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

Mr. D. S. Benson, of Westbrook, was a welcome caller at The Messenger office yesterday.

Hon. James R. Mebane, state superintendent of public instruction, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

Dr. Thomas A. Councill, of Easton, Maryland, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. S. P. Collier, on North Front street.

Solicitor H. F. Sewall came up yesterday from Southport, where he has been attending the Brunswick county superior court.

Mr. J. R. Bannerman, of Bannerman's Bridge, was here yesterday on his way to Clarkton to attend the session of Wilmington Presbytery.

The numerous friends of Mr. E. B. Borden, master of transportation of the Atlantic Coast Line, were glad to greet him yesterday. He returned Tuesday evening from New York where he has been a couple of months to present himself to his friends. He is pleased to learn that his condition is much improved and we hope he may soon be himself again. He speaks in the highest terms of praise of the skill of Dr. Robert S. Beece, 41 E. 23rd street, who treated him. By the way Dr. Beece is a North Carolinian, having gone from Charlotte to New York.

Homes for the Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The committee appointed to secure homes in the congregation of the First Presbyterian church for delegates to the Southern Baptist convention is the first to make a report to Colonel Walker, Taylor, chairman of the Chamber of commerce committee. They secured homes for 119 delegates.

The various committees are requested to present with their reports at the meeting of the chamber of commerce this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, so the matter can be closed.

WRECK ON C. & Y. V. RAILWAY

The Conductor and Fireman Killed and the Engineer Badly Sealed—The Cause of the Accident Unknown.

There was an accident on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad yesterday morning about 4 o'clock that resulted in the killing of two men. The engine of a freight train jumped the track near Pilot Mountain and turned over down an embankment, causing the train to be wrecked. The conductor, Fred W. Foushee, of Mt. Airy, and the fireman, Walter Chaffin, of Germantown, Stokes county, were killed, and Engineer Powers, of Mt. Airy, was badly scalded. The cause of the derailment is not known.

Mr. Foushee was well known and highly esteemed in Wilmington, and the tragic end of his life will be cause of deep regret here. He was a young man of sterling qualities.

A BARE EVENT.

Messrs. Johnson & Fore had their spring military opening last night at their handsome store, 111 Market street and it was pronounced the finest display ever made at this popular establishment. The doors were opened at 8 p. m. and until after 10 p. m. there was a perfect jam of ladies admiring the beautiful things.

The store was a perfect revelation in its artistic decoration by Mr. Will Rehder, the florist, who out did himself in an exceedingly tasteful arrangement of palms, ferns, foliage plants, bamboo, etc. The elegant display of goods in the different departments was more admired than any other.

All the visitors agreed that the opening surpassed all previous efforts by the establishment. The display of hats was simply superb. The styles were perfect gems and everybody said so. Mrs. Lauraigh, the trimmer, was given the highest praise for the skill and taste shown in the work. She is just out from New York, and introduces the very latest metropolitan styles.

Messrs. Johnson & Fore have brought out the largest and handsomest stock that ever filled their store, and truly it can be said that they never had such an opening. They have a magnificent line of imported dress trimmings, jet and applique trimmings, laces and embroideries, etc. Their stock of dress and waist silks is lovely, and among the varied selection of dress goods none were more admired than the large stock of imported French printed or corded. The ladies greatly admired the marvelous display of stamped linens and embroidered silk material, all the work on the latter being the handiwork of Wilmington ladies. A new line of cut glass and bric-a-brac attracted much attention.

An ugly and useful souvenir, "The American Queen," a fashion publication of great popularity, was given to the ladies. As an indication of the number of visitors, 500 of these elegant books were given away. Heretofore they would give them monthly to its customers.

The opening will continue today and tonight.

It may save you time and money to be informed that, when you need a blood-purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the kind most in favor with the medical profession. It is the standard, and, as such, the only blood-purifier admitted at the Chicago World's Fair.

Was Lewis the Incendiary?

George Lewis, colored, charged with forcible trespass on the premises of Mr. Vance Norwood, 308 North Front street, was given a hearing before Justice R. H. Bunting yesterday. It was shown by the witnesses that Lewis had been ordered to stand off the premises but he went back three or four times and raised a difficulty with a colored woman employed in the family. He had threatened her and because she was afraid of him she was allowed to sleep in the dining room. Lewis had been ordered to get out under-neath the dining room near where she was sleeping. The witnesses were questioned to implicate Lewis in setting fire to the house, but nothing definite could be elicited in that direction. Lewis has no property, and is charged with trespass against him are very strong. Lewis stated that he was, sexton of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church and was there at the time the fire occurred. For going on the premises he was fined \$20 and required to pay costs amounting to \$5.30. He failed to give bond and was sent to jail.

The morning after the fire at Mr. Norwood's residence a bottle of kerosene oil was found where it had been left by the incendiary.

The rapidity with which croup develops calls for instant treatment; and yet few households are prepared for its visit. An admirable remedy for this disease is Ayer's Cherry Catarrh. It has saved hundreds of lives and should be in every home where there are young children.

Horse Drowned.

A horse belonging to Oliver Taylor, the colored drayman, while hitched to a cart, backed off the wharf into the river and was drowned yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, at the wharf at the foot of Castle street. The dray was loaded with wood but the wood floated through the wharf and struck the horse, and he was thrown overboard. The horse and dray went to the bottom in water twenty feet deep and never came up again. After loading the dray, a colored boy who is employed as a driver went off a short distance to watch some boys playing and when he went back to the wharf he ran up and frightened the horse, causing him to back off.

The Revival at Fifth Street Church.

The revival meetings at Fifth Street Methodist church are progressing finely. Rev. J. A. Hornaday, of Weldon, is doing the preaching and it is being well done. He is earnest, forceful, clear, logical and impressive in presenting the truth. Large audiences are attending the services and a deep interest is manifest. Penitents have presented themselves at every service and have been asked to give their hearts to God. The singing choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Flett and Miss Fannie Corbett, is rendering first class music. Services are held at 4 p. m. and 7:45 p. m.

The New Pastor of the Central Baptist Church.

The furniture of the Rev. Dr. Allen J. Kirk, of Boston, the new pastor of the Central Baptist church, colored, arrived yesterday, and he will be here in the middle of next week to take charge of the work. He will hold his first services on Easter.

Prompts Settlement.

On the 15th of March the Carolina Insurance Company, of this city, received the papers of this city, lost to the Stinson Lumber Company, of New Bern, and on the 20th of March, Mr. William H. Oliver, the Carolina's agent at New Bern had a check in full payment of the claim.

INTERESTING OCCASION.

Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina conference of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Chapel of Littleton Female college, beginning Thursday, 5 o'clock p. m., March 25th, 1897, with a preliminary service. The president, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. F. D. Swindell and Miss Peuced, treasurer, presided. The vice president, Mrs. R. A. Willis, recording secretary, Miss Fentress, both of Wilmington, and Mrs. L. M. Hendren, superintendent and treasurer of the North Carolina conference, presided over the evening sessions. The church and college choir opened with the anthem, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes." Dr. W. S. Black conducted devotional services.

Miss Minnie Carraway delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the college, and Miss Lizzie Martin, principal of the college, which Mrs. J. A. Cunningham responded, also giving her annual address as president of the Conference. The anthem "The Lord is the Lord," was then sung by the choir.

Miss Peuced, treasurer, read her report for the fiscal year. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. D. Swindell read her annual report. The anthem "O, Be Joyful in the Lord" closed the interesting exercises. The benediction by Dr. W. S. Black.

BUSINESS SESSION. Friday, 6 a. m., March 26, 1897.—The devotional services were led by Rev. G. A. Oglesby. The president presiding. Officers present, Miss Fentress clearing the roll, and the minutes were read and approved. Five district secretaries were present, viz: Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, Mrs. J. B. Edens, Miss S. B. Adams, Mrs. M. J. Simpson, Mrs. H. C. Cross and Mrs. J. L. Horne, who respectively read their reports, also giving the roll and the minutes were read and approved. Three secretaries were absent, viz: Mrs. J. B. Edens, Miss Anna Page and Mrs. Beery. Miss Fentress read their reports. For the evening session, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, recording secretary of the Warren district, and Mrs. W. M. Hankins, secretary of the Wilmington district, presided.

The president presented a gift from Miss Lizzie Martin, our North Carolina foreign missionary, of a Chinese Scripture, the translation of the chapters being, "God be with us together." Mrs. Rhodes also received from the president a new book in Chinese. Mrs. Whitaker, fully accepting it, saying had it come earlier they might have given the complete one of the songs.

Mrs. M. L. Hendren, superintendent of the district, presiding, reported that this was the most successful year of the Bright Jewels; an increase of members, and greater enjoyment of love. Mrs. L. M. Hendren, a hospital for children, in Soochow, China, and are rapidly being completed. Mrs. J. B. Edens, a hospital for children, in Soochow, China, and are rapidly being completed.

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A letter from Miss Ella Coffe, at Louise Home, Nantuxalee, was read by Rev. G. A. Oglesby, also another from Miss Hattie G. Carson, of Medical Work in Mexico. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. S. Black.

The missionary concert in the college chapel, Friday evening, March 26, 1897, at 8 o'clock, was a most delightfully varied and joyous entertainment. The choir rendered an anthem by Gabriel, "The Work of His Hands," which was inspiring. The young ladies of the college auxiliary gave "Aeolian Answers to Missionary Questions," asked by Miss Lota Lee Key, teacher of mathematics and French in the college. The hymn "Every Day Excuse, So Much To Do At Home," by Misses Horne, Carr, Newcomb, Gittins, Perry and Page, finds its counterpart in the hymn, "Watchman Tell Us of the Night," adapted to the familiar strains of the psalm, "The Lord is the Lord."

The music teacher at Littleton Female college, Miss Lizzie Martin, presided, and she held the audience spell bound. Miss Ethel Thompson gave "My Becky's Bargain for the Heavens," a beautiful and touching solo, and a deep admiration as Miss Mary Wynn of Murfreesboro, came forward with a most interesting and touching story of compass and sweetness—Miss Claude Johnson, pianist, "Bessie's Gift," by Miss Bost was well recited. Miss E. L. Edens, reporting from the North Carolina conference, and Mrs. J. B. Edens, reporting from the North Carolina conference.

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HOW ARE YOUR KIDNEYS?

Dr. Hobbs' Spargus Kidney Pills

HAVE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK BACKS. They are by healing the kidneys and purifying the blood, from Uric Acid and other impurities. Cure Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Diabetes, Dropsy, Bladder Troubles and Female Complaints.

How is your Liver? Dr. Hobbs' Liver Pills, quickly cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Constipation, Indigestion, and all Liver Troubles. Dr. Hobbs' Liver Pills for Sale in WILMINGTON, N. C., by R. H. WATSON, Druggist, N. W. Cor. Front and Market Streets.

Military Opening at the Racket Store.

The military opening yesterday at the Racket store, 112 North Front street, was a pronounced success. The store was besieged by ladies all day long, and at night till after 10 o'clock, and they pronounced the stock the largest and prettiest the Racket has ever had. Hats in all the latest Parasian styles were shown, and many compliments were paid to Miss Alma Brown, the trimmer, and her assistants, Miss Dora Brown and Miss Agnes Poisson.

Miss Brown has had many years experience in trimmings, and has spent part of the time in New York during the last three seasons, to get the very latest in women's headwear. She also takes the leading fashion publications, so that all her work is up to date. In all, eight ladies are employed in the millinery department.

Mr. George O. Gayard, the enterprising proprietor, made himself very pleasant to the callers and was proud in showing them his large and elegant stock of goods. He has brought out the largest and best selected stock the Racket has ever carried, embracing a very large line of trimmings, flowers, laces, embroideries, ribbons, silks, and dress fabrics in endless variety. He shows this season 100 different patterns of percales that were much admired by the ladies. His employees twenty clerks and they were kept busy in showing the pretty stock to the crowds of callers all day yesterday and last night.

The opening will continue today and tomorrow.

Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic?

Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson will be seen at the opera house next Saturday night, April 10th, in "Rip Van Winkle."

An amusing incident is told by Mr. Jefferson in connection with his first appearance in "Rip Van Winkle" in London.

"One Sunday evening," said Mr. Jefferson, "being alone in my lodgings, I got out for my own admiration my new wig and beard—the pride of my heart—which I was to use in my play for the twentieth time, I think, so I got in front of the glass and adjusted the wig. As I was looking in the glass I became enthralled and began acting and posing in front of the mirror. In about twenty minutes I came a knock at the door. 'Who's there?' called Mr. Jefferson.

"It's me, if you please," said the gentle but agitated voice of the chamber maid. "May I come in?" "Certainly not," returned Mr. Jefferson, not wishing to be seen in his dressing. "Is there anything wrong in the room, sir?" inquired the girl. "Nothing at all," Go away," he answered. "I'm sorry to hear that," said the chambermaid. "There's a policeman at the door and he says as 'ow there's a crazy old man in your room a-dressing his arms and a-going on halfwit, and there's a crowd of people across the street a-looking up the wig."

Mr. Jefferson turned toward the window and discovered to his horror that he had forgotten to pull down the curtain. He had been so absorbed in his wig that he had not noticed the window was open. He quickly pulled down the curtain, and he threw himself into a chair overcome by the nature of the occurrence. But in a few moments the comical side of the picture presented itself and he laughed for half an hour.

At Auction.

THIS DAY, APRIL 8th, 1897, I WILL sell at the office of Cronly & Morris, Auctioneers, at 12 o'clock P. M., 2 N. C. State Shares Stock N. C. R. R. Co., par value \$100 each; 1 Bond City of Wilmington for \$500.00. Cash advanced on time payments. Apply to D. O'CONNOR Real Estate Agent, 123 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C.

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About the price you pay for

You get hungry for them and send or go to the nearest place and pay 30 or 25 cents per dozen, whereas you might by taking thought save a few pennies.

15 CENTS PER DOZEN.

Where will you order your next dozen?

BROWN & WHITTED.

Criminal Court.

DEFENDANTS AND WITNESSES in the Criminal Court will take notice that a Special Term of said Court for this City will be held in the Court House in the City of Wilmington on Monday, the 29th day of April, A. D. 1897.

By order of Judge Thos. H. Sutton.

F. W. FOSTER, Chairman Board of County Commissioners.

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Deposits March '96 March 9th '97 \$500,000 \$600,000

Surplus and Net Profits None \$5,153 None

Dividend Paid 6 Per Cent Per Annum. Last Installment of Capital Paid in October, 1892.

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