

The Messenger.

Entered at the Postoffice at Wilmington, N. C., as second class mail matter.

New Advertisements. Atlantic National Bank. Paine's Celery Compound.

Weather Forecasts. (Reported by C. M. Strong, Local Forecaster.)

TEMPERATURE. 1896-8 a. m., 65 degrees; 3 p. m., 62 degrees; highest, 70 degrees; lowest, 60 degrees.

FOR THE STATE. Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mt) Saturday—Generally fair; southerly winds.

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PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. Henry C. Bridgers, of Tarboro, came down to the city last evening.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. George B. Aiken, the well known Baltimore drummer, came in yesterday and is at the Orton.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. W. G. Moore, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city by the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway last evening.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. John L. Orin, of Philadelphia, contractor for the construction of the gun emplacements at Fort Caswell, arrived in the city last night on his way to Southport.

PERSONAL MENTION. Johnson & Fure are showing an elegant stock of Hosiery for ladies, Gents and Children, at very moderate prices.

PERSONAL MENTION. At the fifty-fifth annual commencement of the Medical College of Virginia held at Richmond on Thursday night, the degree of doctor of medicine was conferred upon thirty-three graduates.

PERSONAL MENTION. Dr. Charles W. Keel, of Grantsborough, was appointed as one of the resident physicians to the old Dominion Hospital and he also received the alumni prize, North Carolina boys generally get there when they try.

PERSONAL MENTION. Place orders for your Spring Hats, with Johnson & Fure, where you will find the best selected stock of millinery goods in the state, and the only up-to-date trimmer in the city.

PERSONAL MENTION. The Messenger regrets to learn that Mr. W. E. Stevens, proprietor of Cedar Grove hotel, Clinton, N. C., had the misfortune to lose his residence by fire Friday morning about 3 o'clock.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. Stevens' country home was five miles from Clinton on the Faison road and it was valued at \$2,000. It was insured for only \$1,500.

PERSONAL MENTION. The shipment of strawberries from along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad to the northern markets yesterday was about 2000 crates.

PERSONAL MENTION. The first special train of express cars that ever ran out of Wilmington was run yesterday by the Southern Express Company for the accommodation of our truckers.

PERSONAL MENTION. The Easter german of L'Agelle cotton-club, and the final one of the season by this club, was given last night at Germania hall and was a festivity of great enjoyment.

PERSONAL MENTION. The visit of the participating Misses Mary Ferris, of Norfolk, and Miss Henry Clark Bridgers, of Tarboro, to the merrymaking was kept up till early morn.

PERSONAL MENTION. If the hair has been made to grow a natural color on bald heads in thousands of cases, by using Hall's Hair Renewer, why will it not in your case?

PERSONAL MENTION. A Messenger representative writes from up the Wilmington and Weldon railroad that he has talked with quite a number of truckers in regard to the amount of damage done to the various crops by the recent cold spell, and that hardly any two agree on that subject.

PERSONAL MENTION. Some say one thing and some another. One man says the strawberry crop is damaged 25 per cent, another says 50 per cent. One will say that frost was a blessing and another will say he is almost ruined, etc.

THE MAYORALTY.

JUDGE McIVER DECIDES IN FAVOR OF MAYOR HARRISS.

He Holds That Section Two of the Act of 1897 Is Unconstitutional—The Three Other Mayors Appeal to the Supreme Court—The Lawyers Argued as to When the Case Will Be Tried in the Upper Court.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Thursday evening the superior court met yesterday morning at 10 a. m.

DISPOSITION FOR MAYOR HARRISS. Judge McIVER stated that he was ready to render his decision in the case involving the majority of Wilmington and had the clerk to make the following minute on the records as his opinion:

"All of section 2 of the act of 1897 is unconstitutional and that no valid election has been held and that board known as the Harris board is entitled to the office of mayor and aldermen of the city of Wilmington."

The attorneys of the several claimants were in court and from the above judgment appeals were prayed by the plaintiffs H. McI. Green, C. L. Spencer, James C. Munds, W. Catlett, and W. E. Mann on the one hand, by Walker Taylor, W. E. Springer, Owen Fenell and W. E. Yopp on the other hand, and also by S. P. Wright, H. Coleman Twining, D. J. Benson, Andrew J. Howell, B. F. Keith, John G. Norwood and E. M. Green. All the appeals were granted. Notice of appeal in each case was waived and the bonds on appeal in each case were fixed at \$25.

THE BANK CASE. The court resumed the case of Smith et al. vs. Janus Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover, which was taken up. This is an action to decide whether the assets of the Wadesboro branch of the Bank of New Hanover shall be separated from the assets of the bank at Wilmington and set apart for the benefit of the creditors of the Wadesboro bank, or shall constitute a part of the assets of the parent bank and be shared alike by the creditors of both banks in common.

The Hon. R. T. Bennett and the Hon. James A. Lockhart, of Wadesboro, appeared for Mr. James A. Leak, receiver of the branch bank at Wadesboro, and George Rountree, Esq., and Eugene S. Martin, Esq., for Janus Davis, Esq., of the Bank of New Hanover, of Wilmington. This is an action to determine whether the assets of the Wadesboro branch of the Bank of New Hanover, which was taken up, shall be separated from the assets of the parent bank and be shared alike by the creditors of both banks in common.

Mr. McClure spoke eloquently and fully of the work and aims of Odd Fellowship, and upon conclusion of his address he was the recipient of hearty applause.

Mr. H. K. Holden, with Mr. Boatwright as accompanist, then sang several other vocal solo that was warmly applauded.

Grand Master Jacobi in the name of the Daughters of Rebecca, presented Mr. McClure an exquisite bouquet, and Mr. McClure received them with a few very happy remarks. The Grand Master thanked the Daughters of Rebecca and the members of the order for their attendance and expressed appreciation of it. He announced that as soon as the meeting adjourned refreshments would be served and all were invited to remain and partake of them.

After prayer by the Rev. J. W. Kramer, the singing of the closing ode, and the benediction by Mr. Kramer, the meeting adjourned.

The revival at Grace Church. The revival at Grace church is largely attended at all services, and Dr. Lettwith is doing some earnest, faithful, effective preaching. He is growing more and more popular every day. The doctor in his methods is different from any evangelist we have ever heard. In other words, he is an evangelistic genius. For instance, in his morning services, he utilizes prayers and songs of praise, followed by the reading of God's word and with comments thereon in a calm, deliberate and impressive manner, so as not only to secure the attention of his hearers but also securing a corresponding sympathy from them. The fact is, no one can hear him without being helped. Deep impression is made and one comes away from the meeting feeling that he has listened to both a great and good man because of his culture, and good because of his deep piety. He addresses his audience like one who is in deep earnest; then there is an originality of thought and manner about him that makes one feel as if they had never heard his like before. If you doubt this, go and hear him and you will come away feeling no doubt, like confirming every word we have said.

At the meeting last night his sermon was on "Repentance" and there were eighteen confessions of faith and over thirty penitents. Quite a number of persons handed in their names for church membership.

Services at 11 a. m. will be held at 10 a. m., but none tonight. There will be the usual services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., with services for men only at 4:15 p. m. In consequence of the latter service, the Sunday school will meet at 2 p. m., instead of 2:30 p. m.

The Churches Tomorrow. Services at Fifth Street Methodist church tomorrow as follows: Preaching at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., by the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Cunningham. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Public cordially invited at 7:15 p. m.

Grace Methodist E. church, north-east corner Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. A. Willis, pastor. Services tomorrow at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Experience meeting in the lecture room at 10 a. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Services at First Street Methodist church tomorrow as follows: Preaching at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., by the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Cunningham. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Public cordially invited at 7:15 p. m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Sabbath evening school at 8 o'clock. The public cordially invited. All welcome.

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