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OTEMS HADOWING EVENT.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CON-VENTION TO MEETTHIS WEEK.

The Delegates Will Begin to Arrive on Wednesday-The Baptist Young People to Meet Thursday Morning and the Educational Society Thursday Night. The Convention Will Convene Friday. The Arrangements for the Occasion.

The overshadowing event in Wilmington now is the meeting this week of the Southern Baptist convention. The number of delegates expected is about 1,000 and it is anticipated that there will be 5,000 visitors. There will be delegates here from every southern state, and from many western states, including Indian Territory and Oregon. There will also be visitors from all over the south and from many cities in New England and the north. They will begin to arrive on next Wednes-

day. FIRST MEETING OF THE WEEK.

The Baptist Young People's convention will convene in the anditorium of the First Baptist church at 9:30 a. m. next Thursday. The Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Alabama, is president, and is expected to preside. Mr. J. W. Bailey, editor of The Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., will deliver the address of welcome in behalf of the people of North Carolina. Mr. George E. Leftwich, superintendent of the First Baptist church Sunday school, will deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Baptists of Wilmington.

THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY. The American Baptist Educational Society will meet in the auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday. There will be addresses by the Rev. Dr. K. B. Tupper, of Philadelphia, Professor W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest college, N. C. and others. THE CONVENTION.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be convened in the auditorium at 10 a m. next Friday. The Hon. Jonathan Haralson, of Alabama, is president, and is expected to preside. The secre taries are the Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Augusta, Ga., and the Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Baltimore. Iredell Meares, Esq., a prominent member of the Wilmington bar, will deliver the address welcoming the convention and visitors to the city. The Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the welcoming address in behalf of the three Baptist churches of Wilmington. At 8 p. m. Friday the Rev. Dr. R. A. Venable, of Meridian, Miss., will deliver the in-

nish fine music during the sitting of the convention. THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCI-

troductory servon. A large choir and

full orchestra, with Miss Cannie Chas-

ten as organist and director, will fur-

ETY. tist Woman's Missionary Union will convene at the First Presbyterian church. Miss Fannie Heck, of Raleigh, is president, and Miss Annie Arsmstrong, of Baltimore, secretary. Mrs. C. E. Stevenson, of this city, will deliver the welcoming address.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEET-INGS.

During the sitting of the convention the board of trustees and the various committees will meet at Grace M. E. church, the Y. M. C. A. building and the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry. The armory having been kindly tendered by the Light Infantry to the convention, will also be used for social purposes by the members of the

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

The First Baptist church and the annex, or lecture room, have undergone extensive improvements for this occasion. The church has been fitted with a new carpet, and the paint brush has been freely used.

The lower hall of the lecture room has been greatly improved, and the upper hall has been floored, ceiled, plastered and painted. The lecture room, or lower hall, will be turned, over to the American Baptist Publication Society, the Foreign Missionary Board and the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptist publications and curios from foreign missionary fields will be on its number. exhibition. The upper hall will be used for committee and overflow meetings.

'A SUB-POSTOFFICE. The Sunday school library room at the Fifth street entrance of the lecture room, by courtesy of our enterprising postmaster, Mr. George L. Morton, will be converted into a subpostoffice where all the delegates and visitors to the convention can get their mail. Postoffice attaches will be in charge, and the mails will be delivered to the sub-postoffice as fast as they come in on the various railroads. The sub-postoffice will also be fitted with telegraph calls so the delegates can have the very best facilities for calling messenger boys, so they can get off their telegrams, etc.

The infant Sunday school room, at the rear of the lecture room, and four rooms in the main church building, two down stairs and two up stairs, will be used for committee rooms. The Rev. W. B. Oliver's private study at the rear of the lecture room will be turned over for the exclusive use of the secretaries of the convention.

BUREAUS OF INFORMATION. Bureaus of information will be established at the Y. M. C. A. building, at the chamber of commerce rooms on Front street, and at the armory of the

Wilmington Light Infantry. All the local committees, including the central committee, of which the Rev. W. B. Oliver is chairman, etc., will have headquarters at the chamber of commerce rooms.

The Ladies' Missionary societies of

the three Baptist churches will give a reception to the visiting ladies on Friday night at the Y. M. C. A.

The reception committee of the central committee will meet the delegates at the trains and assign them to their homes. The citizens may also meet

their guests if they desire. On next Sunday morning and night the visiting ministers will preach in the various churches in the city. By request of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254 United Confederate Veterans, the Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, of Virginia, will deliver an address on the Christian character of General Robert E. Lee, at 5 p. m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian church.

THE PRESS.

The choir loft, right over the president of the convention, has been assigned to the representatives of the secular press. Arrangements have been made on the auditorium floor for

the representatives of the secular press. The entertainment committee will send out notices Tuesday morning to those who will entertain delegates, infirm and the buildings and premises giving them the names of those who have been assigned to homes with

Edison Projectoscope.

invention of the wizard Edison, "The Projectoscope,"-which was exhibited at our opera house last March, and those who did not have the opportunity at that time to see this wonderful invention, will no doubt be delighted to know that our opera house management has booked the company for another engagement here during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention. This company has Edison's latest machine, with many improvements over the one seen here two months ago, and has also an entirely new selection of pictures. Among the new pictures are exact reproductions of notable happenings of the day, notably, the late inauguration of McKinley at Washington, and scenes from New York city

This enterprise on the part of the opera house management as a means of entertainment for the great number of visitors to be here this week should be appreciated by large audiences. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Homes for the Delegates to the Conven-

tion. In conversation with Colonel Walker Taylor last evening a Messenger representative obtained information concerning the work done to secure homes for the delegates to the Southern Baptist convention. He stated that the chamber of commerce had rendered every aid in its power to the committee in charge of the Baptist convention, but he feared that many of our citizens have failed to grasp the idea that the convention is assembled here not by denominational invitation, but by the At 10 a. m. Friday the American Bap- invitation of the city of Wimington through its legally authorized bodies, namely: the board of aldermen and chamber of commerce. Such being a fact it is incumbent upon every citizen who has the future wellfare of the city and as well its past reputation heart, to see that no stone is left unturned to provide homes for accredited delegates to this convention. We find that at this late hour there are yet fully seventy-five delegates who are our invitd guests still without homes. These delegates will only be in the city from Thursday until Tuesday morning and we feel that every home in this city should have one or more of these

Below we give a number of delegates that the various denominations have

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ı	St. Paul's Lutheran church	. 2
	Grace M. E. church	
	Temple of Israel	. 1
	Fifth Street M. E. church	. 2
•	St. John's Episcopal church	
l	Second Advent church	
٠	St. Paul P. E. church	
	St. Thomas Catholic church	
	Market Street M. E. church	
	Bladden Street M. E. church	
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Our people we feel sure, will appreciate the convention and will entertain the guests with their old time hearti-

The Rev. W. B. Oliver, Colonel Walker Taylor, the chamber of commerce, and the various committee's have from time to time appealed to our citizens to extend their hospiality to the delegates. The Messenger now makes its appeal

for the provision of seventy-five more homes that may be necessary.

Churches Today.

WHITE. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. No services today. Sunday school at 4:30

The Rev. R. C. Beaman, presiding elder, will preach at Fifth Street Methodist church at both morning and evening services today.

St. James, Sunday after Easter, 11 a. m., the Litany, sermon, the holy communion; 6 p. m., evening prayer; Sunday school at 5 p. m.; teachers meeting at 4:45 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

Services at St. John's church today at 11 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. Sunday school at 4:30 p. m.

COLORED.

Preaching at Ebenezer Baptist church today at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Young people's union at 6:30 p. m. Rev. B. K. Sykes, pastor. St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner of Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg, pastor. Preaching this day at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation to all to worship with us.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

TEN CONVICTS FOR THE STATE PENITENTIARY.

Sixty-Five Cases Tried by Jury During the Week, Besides About Fifteen Cases Otherwise Disposed Of-Eleven Convicts for the Work House-Report of the Grand Jury-Court Adjourns.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Friday evening, the circuit criminal court of New Hanover county met yes-

terday, Judge Sutton presiding. GRAND JURY REPORT. The grand jury having completed its

labors made the following report and was discharged:

"To His Honor Thomas H. Sutton, Judge of the First Criminal Circuit, the Grand Jury of the April Term, 1897, would respectfully lreport:

"We have passed upon 62 bills of indictment and have found 52 true bills and 1 not true bills. We have also made four presentments.

"The county home for the aged and attached and surrounding have been carefully examined. The condition of the inmates of the home has been inquired into and their treatment investigated. The premises around the home are clean and the garden bears evi-All those who enjoyed the wonderful dence of good work and proper superintendence. The home itself is quite neatly kept and otherwise is in reasonably good condition, though white washing of the rooms would contribute much to their appearance and add greatly to the comfort of the inmates. The kitchen especially needs the treatment just referred to. For purposes of use and convenience though not now essentially necessary, we think there should be three drive pumps located on the stockade premises, behind the colored ward and in the asylum yard. In general the patients express themselves contented with their food and with the treatment received from the keeper. Complaints of insufficiency of clothing we regard as measurably just and we suggest that this should be remedied. While neither the food nor its insufficiency at 'the times' it is served, is just cause for complaint, we think that from noon of one day to 8 o'clock of the next is much too lng a period of abstinence from solid food d we recommend that such food, however light, shall in sufficient quantity be furnished between the hours named, say at or near sunset. As indicated above we have been led by our investigation and inquiry to regard Mr. Thomas Watson, the present keeper of the home, as a kind and considerate superintendent and director and as faithful in the performance of the duties laid upon him.

"We have made due inquiry and investigation as to the management of the county jail and the condition of the building, and we find that the food is clean and of the proper character and we believe is properly served. The building is kept as clean, probably, as is practicable, but we think the entire interior needs whitewashing. We regard it as essential that the building should be properly ventilated, the foul air in the female ward being, in our opinion, exceedingly unhealthful.

"With regard to the court house we recommend that measures be taken to secure more cleanliness in the halls, and on the balconies, and that more spittoons be purchased in order, in part, to effect this.

"JOHN McLAURIN, "Foreman."

THE DOCKET CLEANED UP. The court took up the remaining cases on the docket and disposed of them as follows:

State vs. Robert Fennell, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, defendant called and failed, judgment nisi. State vs. Alex Fuller, colored, injury to personal property, cutting the tire

of Mr. Frank Turrentine's bicycle, mis-

State vs. Isaac Carver, colored, abandonment of wife, not guilty.

State vs. William Schenck, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, verdict not guilty.

Edward Sharpless, colored, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Sam Register, colored, and sentenced to a term of ten years in the penitentiary, was brought into court. His attorney, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., informed the court that Sharpless was 64 years old, and in view of his previous good character, entreated Judge Sutton to reduce the old man's sentence, so that at least his term would not be more than would carry him beyond the allotted time of man, "three-score years and ten." Judge Sutton told Sharpless that in recognition of his previous good character, showing what a good character is worth, he would reduce his sentence to seven years.

RECRUITS FOR THE PENITEN-TIARY.

Since the court convened at 10 o'clock on Monday last, the court tried 65 cases by jury, besides otherwise disposing of about fifteen cases.

The following convicts were sentenced to the state penitentiary, and Deputy Sheriff W. W. King will leave here on Tuesday morning with them for Raleigh, viz:

Edward Sharpless, colored, manslaughter, seven years.

Robert Johnson, colored, larceny, three years and six months.

James Davis, colored, larceny, two years and six months. John Dobson, colored, larceny, two

vears and six months. William Jackson, colored, larceny, wo years.

Thomas Johnson, colored, larceny, one year. William Fisher, colored, larceny, one

John Moore, colored, larceny, one David Lickque, colored, larceny, one

William James, colored, larceny, one

SENTENCED TO THE WORK HOUSE The following convicts were sentenced to the county workhouse: Charles Fisher, colored, abondonment

of wife and children, six months. Charles Magone, colored, assault and

battery with a deadly weapon, 3

Harry Barnes, colored, injury to personal property, 3 months. James Brock, white, resisting officer,

months. Sam Marshall, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, 6 months.

Abram Nutt, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, 3 months.

Eugene Pugh, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, 2 months. George Wright, colored, resisting offi-

cer, 6 months. William Holly, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, 3 months. Richard Nelson, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, 3

The Convocation of Wilmington. (Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Clinton, N. C., May 1. The convocation of Wilmington met in St. Paul's chuch, Clinton, Thursday morning, April 29th, 1897. This being the annual meeting, a larger number of the clergy were expected, but for various reasons could not come.

The morning service was said by Rev. F. N. Skinner and Rev. T. M. N George, the Rev. Stewart McQueen preaching the opening sermon from the

Acts of the Apostles, I, 3. Owing to the change of schedule on the Clinton branch of the Wilmington and Weldon road, the Wilmington clergy did not reach Clinton until after the hour appointed for the business meeting of the convocation, Thursday afternoon, and this meeting was postponed until Friday at 4 o'clock p. m. The evening service Thursday was said by Rev. Messrs. McQueen, Tolson and George, the Rev. Robert Strange preaching a strong, eloquent and practical sermon from Exodus, xx, 16.

After the Litany service Friday morning, the Rev. Mr. George, of New Bern, read an essay on "The Need of Definite Christian Work in the Church for the Newly Confirmed." The essayist, after showing the great need for such work, suggested some methods of supplying this need. In the discussion of the subject, which was participated in by all the clergy present, the personal experience of the speakers in dealing with this need, and the success or failure of their efforts were explained.

At the business meeting held in the afternoon, reports were read by the treasurer and evangelist of the convocation, a scale of assessments for the support of the evangelist was adopted, and various matters of routine business

were acted on. Snow Hill was selected as the place for the next meeting of convocation, to he held September 23, 1897. Rev. F. N. Skinner was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

After the evening service, which was read by Rev. Mr. George and Rev. Dr. Strange, addresses on "The Nature and Force of the Apostolic Commission" were made by Rev. Mr. McQueen, of Goldsboro, Rev. Mr. Tolson and Rev. Mr. Wootten, of Wilmington. The address of Rev. Mr. Tolson was by all who heard it spoken of as a masterful effort, presenting the subject clearly and lucidly and as fully as possible in the limited time allowed him. After this service the convocation ad-

Harbor Master's Report.

ourned.

From the books of Captain E. D. Williams, harbor master, we take the following data of shipping arrived here in April:

American vessels-4 steamships of 3,370 tons, 5 schooners of 1,350 tons. Total 9 vessels of 4,720 tons.

Foreign vessels-One steamship of 354 tons, 3 barks of 1,563 tons, 1 schooner of 170 tons. Total, 5 vessels of 2,087

Total American and foreign vessels, 14; grand total tonnage 6,807.

It is announced that Major Lewis Ginter, of Richmond, Va., has resigned from the board of directors of the American Tobacco Company on account of il

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the Sea. Our citizens are expecting a very large crowd to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, and the other churches have kindly offered to lend a helping hand both in entertaining the delegates and offering their churches to their disposal. So, allow me to extend a welcome to as many as can come to these services. The occasion promises to be very fine, coming from the very best material the Southern states can furnish. And, while vou are here, visit Carolina Beach and Ocean View and Southport, and perhaps the fort. Carry back with you a remembrance of this happy county of

ours, the land of flowers and sunshine. Perhaps your trunk may go astray and you might need some extra Linen, a New Hat or Sailor, perhaps a new and noby Suit of Clothes. Ladies' skirts, Underwear or percale Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, new Necktie or a pair of Suspenders, Hosery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Shoes, Slippers, Stationary, Trunks and Valices, if so, call and see us. We are carrying the largest stock of goods in the city-store covering 15,000 feet of floor room, three in White, Brown, Red and Blue, at 75c; and all very handy to get to, on Front

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Hoes for 10c, double heel, foot and toe. fast black Hose for Ladies at 15c, or two pair for 25c; Children's long big | broidery, Slippers and Shoes, I have not Hose good black; size from 51/2 to 7, for 5c; from 7½ to 9½, for 7c; best seamless mens' socks, in black Balbriggan for 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c; infants' hoes from 4 to 51/2, seamless, best black, at 10c a pair.

Ladies Skirts, made up nice, Velvet bound, nicely lined, new styles, from \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75 \$3.00 up to \$5.00 each. Ladies' Underwear; Night-Dresses. Skirts and Under Vests, Corset Covers and Corsets. All styles Corsets at 25c. French Woven, small sizes, from 17 to 25 at 39c. Women Corsets

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HANDKERCHIEFS-Nice emhstitch ed Cambric Handkerchiefs for 5c and 10c; nicely Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 10c, 121/2c, 15c and 25c each; Gents' Handkerchiefs for 5c, 8c, 10c and up to

GLOVES-Kid Gloves for 75c \$1; undressed Kid Kloves, best quality, for 75c; Silk Mitts 15c, 20c, and 25c; Silk Gloves 35c and 50c; Cashesette Gloves

15c, 20c and 25c a pair. BED CLOTHING-Nice white Spread for 50c, 69c, 75c and \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$3.00 each. Comforts, Blankets, for less than cost, from 75c to \$3.95 each. Sheets from 47c to 50c and up each. Pillow,

Cases for 10 and 12c. MENS AND BOYS CLOTHING-Boys' Suits, of twenty different styles. from 68c, 98c; all wool \$1.35; blue flannel at \$1.98; wool serge, in blue, \$1.98. Light Cassimer Suits for \$2 up to \$3.50. Gents' Suits from \$1.98 to \$3.00 a suit: strictly all wool \$4.25. A beautiful line of fine Suits for \$5.00; better for \$7.50. \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$9.50. Prince Albert Clerical Suits, made of best Clay Worted, nicely lined, at \$12.50 a Suit. Gents' Linen Suits for \$2.87 a suit. Alpaca Coats and Vests for \$2.50, \$3.50, and \$5.00. Odd Coats 50c and 75c. Alpaca Coats for \$1.35, \$1.69 and \$2.00. Odd pants from 40c, 50e, 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.25 and

up to \$3.00 a pair. Gents' Spring Underwear in nice balbriggan Shirts and Pants for 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c each; bleached drill Drawers, with knit anklets, at 25c, better at

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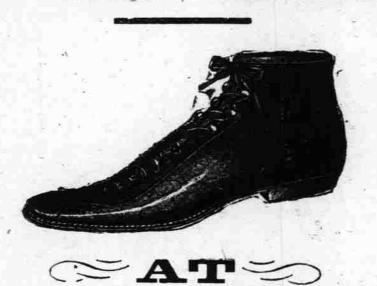
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