

OVERSHADOWING EVENT.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION TO MEET THIS 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.

FIRST MEETING OF THE WEEK.

The Baptist Young People's convention will convene in the auditorium of the First Baptist church at 9:30 a. m. next Thursday.

THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The American Baptist Educational Society will meet in the auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday.

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 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 10 a. m. Friday the American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will convene at the First Presbyterian church.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS.

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.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

The First Baptist church and the annex, or lecture room, have undergone extensive improvements for this occasion.

The lower hall of the lecture room has been greatly improved, and the upper hall has been floored, ceiled, plastered and painted.

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 sub-postoffice where all the delegates and visitors to the convention can get their mail.

BUREAU 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 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.

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.

Edison Projectoscope.

All those who enjoyed the wonderful 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 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.

Homes for the Delegates to the Convention.

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 invitation of the city of Wilmington through its legally authorized bodies, namely: the board of aldermen and chamber of commerce.

Below we give a number of delegates that the various denominations have provided homes for:

Table listing delegates and their homes: Baptist churches (433), St. Andrew's church (24), St. James Episcopal church (60), St. Paul's Lutheran church (25), Grace M. E. church (80), Temple of Israel (16), Fifth Street M. E. church (20), St. John's Episcopal church (9), Second Advent church (6), St. Paul P. E. church (4), St. Thomas Catholic church (6), Market Street M. E. church (4), Bladden Street M. E. church (2), Immanuel (1), Congregation (2).

A fund has been raised in order to enable St. Thomas church to increase its number.

Our people we feel sure, will appreciate the convention and will entertain the guests with their old time heartiness.

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 hospitality to the delegates.

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 p. m.

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 yesterday, 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 report:

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

"The county home for the aged and infirm and the buildings and premises 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 evidence of good work and proper superintendence.

"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 the food is not so good as it ought to be. The next is much too long a period of abstinence from solid food and 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 no objection to the inquiry 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 to be cleaned. We regard it as essential that the building should be properly ventilated, the foul air in the female ward being, in our opinion, exceedingly unhealthy.

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, mistrial.

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 PENITENTIARY.

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 years and six months.

William Jackson, colored, larceny, two years.

Thomas Johnson, colored, larceny, one year.

William Fisher, colored, larceny, one year.

John Moore, colored, larceny, one year.

David Lickque, colored, larceny, one year.

William James, colored, larceny, one year.

SENTENCED TO THE WORKHOUSE.

The following convicts were sentenced to the county workhouse:

Charles Fisher, colored, abandonment of wife and children, six months.

Charles Magone, colored, assault and

battery with a deadly weapon, 3 months.

Harry Barnes, colored, injury to personal property, 3 months.

James Brock, white, resisting officer, 3 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 officer, 6 months.

William Holly, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon, 3 months.

Richard Nelson, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, 3 months.

The Convocation of Wilmington.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Clinton, N. C., May 1.

The convocation of Wilmington met in St. Paul's church, 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 Weidon 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, xv, 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.

A big draw in new Matting—pretty styles, pretty colors and good quality—from 10c, 12½c, 15, 18c, and 25c; both cotton and hemp warp.

Ladies and Gents' neck wear. Nice Bows for 5c, 10c, 15c, and 25c Scarfs for 10c, 15c, 18c, and 25c. Four-in-hand ties 18c and 25c. Large Scarfs, beautiful silk, at 38c.

HOSIERY—The best Seamless black Hoes for 10c, double heel, foot and toe, fast black Hoes for Ladies at 15c, or two pair for 25c; Children's long big Hose good black; size from 5½ to 7, for 5c; from 7½ to 9½, for 7c; best seamless mens' socks, in black, Balbriggan, 75c for 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c; infants' hoes from 4 to 5½, 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.

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Harbor Master's Report.

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 tons.

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

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WELCOME! WELCOME!

Yes, thrice welcome, to our City by 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.

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