The Messenger.

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

New Advertisements.

Fresh Tomatoes—Special.
Fancy Lemons—D. C. Whitted.
Beach Cottage For Sale—Special.

Weather Conditions.

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

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, May 11.

The barometer continues above the normal off the southeast Atlantic coast, but is falling slowly, under the advance eastward of the trough of low barometer now extending from the west gulf north to over the lakes. The barometer is lowest over the lakes with no well defined storm centre. Rain is falling over Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Mississippi and along the lakes, and fell during the day over Florida, North Carolina and Texas. The weather is clearing off over the central western valleys. Temperatures have risen along the coast and over the central west, and have fallen over the remainder of the country. Conditions would indicate cloudy weather with showers tomorrow and Wednesday night, over this locality.

LOCAL FORECASTS.

To 12 o'clock (mdt) Wednesday—Threatening weather, with rain; southerly winds, becoming westerly.

FOR THE STATE.

Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mdt) Wednesday—Threatening weather, with rain; southerly winds, becoming westerly.

TEMPERATURE.

1896—8 a. m., 74 degrees; 8 p. m., 77 degrees; highest, —— degrees; lowest 68 degrees.

1897—8 a. m., 71 degrees; 8 p. m., 71 degrees; highest, 79 degrees; lowest, 66 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—Sun rises 4:57 a. m.; sun sets, 6:55 p. m.; high water at Southport 3:59 a. m.; high water at Wilmington 5:46 a. m.

Moon's Phases—New moon, 1st, 3:38 p m.; first quarter, 9th, 4:28 p. m.; full moon, 16th, 8:46 a. m.; last quarter, 23rd, 4:26 a. m.; new moon, 31st, 7:17 a. m.; apogee 2nd, 2:02, and 29th, 5:07; perigee, 16th, 2:01

PITHY LOCALS.

The strawberries movement over the Wilmington and Weldon railroad to northern markets yesterday were about 4,000 crates.

The last of the delegates,to the Southern Baptist convention, took their departure to their various homes on the different railroads yesterday.

We are requested to state that Grand Representative W. J. Woodward, of Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, K. of P., will serve a collation to the members and visitors after the meeting tonight.

Mr. W. J. Boney, of Wallace, sent The Messenger yesterday, some very fine strawberries which he calls the Gandy berry. They are richly colored, nicely flavored and many of them measured from 3 to 4 inches in circumference.

Captain Leavitt was feeling very much under the weather last night, but concluded to attempt the previously announced open air meeting at Front and Market streets. A large crowd was present and great interest was manifested, about fifteen asking for prayers. Another meeting will be held at the same place tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Willie White alias Gilian Heart, colored, charged with robbing the postoffice at Cromatie, Bladen county, some time in the month of March, was given a hearing before Esquire Bunting yesterday afternoon and was placed under a bond of $300, for his appearance at the present term of the federal court.

The ministers and delegates of the Southern Baptist convention who were guests of Mrs. J. J. Kelly, 319 Chestnut street, before leaving, presented Mrs. Kelly with a very handsome Bible for her very kind entertainment of them during their stay in our city. They all say they had the best hostess in the city.

The proprietors of The Messenger feel that their thanks are due to all the employes of the office for their faithful and efficient work during the sitting of the Southern Baptist convention. From the highest down to the carrier boys, there was not one word of complaint at the increase of hours they were called upon to labor. All did nobly and their services are duly appreciated.

Holding the Fort.

For the last two weeks an unusual number of policemen have been held in reserve at the city hall both day and night, in anticipation of a movement by Mayor W. N. Harriss and his board of aldermen to wade in and take charge of the city government, in accordance with the decision of Judge McIver, at the term of the superior court for this county, held last month. Mayor S. P. Wright and his board seem determined not to be caught napping, and some night they are so sure Mayor Harriss and his colleagues will swoop down and sit in the high places that extra vigilence is maintained and great precaution is exercised to prevent this coup on the part of the opposition.

Last night things had an ominous look around the city hall. The blinds were pulled down and the officers moved around as if they expected portentous things to happen. "A momentary attack" was what it seemed that they expected. A Messenger representative started in the city hall door but an officr headed him off with a club, held out as a bar to his entrance and he was asked if he wanted to see the chief of police.

"Well, yes," said the scribe, and the officer called for the chief.

Chief Melton was on the portico and hastened up, and The Messenger man asked:

"What's up, chief?"

"Well, nothing much," he replied, "we are just holding the fort."

"Are you looking for Mayor Harriss and his board to step in?" the reporter asked.

"We don't know what might happen," said the chief "so we are on our guard!"

Arrested for Arson.

William Usher and his wife Maggie Usher, colored, of Harnett township, were arrested last night between 8 and 9 o'clock by Deputy Sheriffs William Guion and William Fonville, and were brought to the city and committed to jail, on a warrant charging them with setting fire to two houses belonging to Mr. George R. French. One of the houses, occupied by Arthur Fisher, colored, was burned to the ground. Usher gave in his age as 74 and his wife's as 50 years.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

THE MASONS.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of North Carolina, Convenes in Its Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation—Programme for the Entertainment of the Visitors Tomorrow and Friday.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina convened in its 49th convocation in St. John's hall in this city, last night at 8 o'clock, with about 50 representatives present from various parts of the state.

The following officers were present:

Grand High Priest—W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte.

Deputy Grand High Priest—W. A. Withers, of Raleigh.

Grand King—J. H. Hackburn, of New Bern.

Grand Scribe—M. S. Willard, of Wilmington.

Grand Captain of the Host—W. F. Randolph, of Asheville.

Grand Principal Sojourner—D. E. Allen of Charlotte.

Grand Royal Arch Captain—J. D. Bullock, of Wilson.

Grand Master of the 3rd Veil—E. P. Bailey, of Wilmington.

Grand Master of the Second Veil—A. J. Harrell, of Raleigh.

Grand Tyler—R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh.

Grand Secretary—Horace H. Munson, of Wilmington.

Grand Master of the First Veil, E. B. Neave, of Salisbury, and Grand Treasurer Wm. D. Simpson, of Raleigh, are expected this morning.

Most Excellent High Priest Liddell presided and delivered his annual address and it was considered by the committees.

The session was taken up with the regular routine business that common, ordinary mortals have no business to know.

Dr. W. E. Storm, chairman of the local committee of arrangements, extended the courtesies of the city to the visitors and announced a programme for the entertainment of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commendery, Knights Templar, while in our city.

The programme includes a moonlight excursion by special train over the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad to the Carolina Yacht club's house, on Wrightsville beach, tomorrow night. Ladies are to be invited.

When the Grand Chapter gets through its business the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knigts Templar, will convene. There will be a grand parade by the Knights Templar at 5 p. m. on Thursday.

On Friday an excursion will be given on the steamer Wilmington to Southport and out to sea. The steamer will leave the city at 9:30 a. m. and will return in the evening.

The Sublime Shriners will hold a special ceremonial session on Friday night.

The Grand Chapter was in session till 10 p. m. and will meet again this morning at 10 o'clock.

The following Masons arrived yesterday to attend the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery: W. F. Randolph, A. J. Wills, of Asheville; James K. Norfleet, M. D. Bailey, P. A. Wilson, F. G. Schaum, W. T. Brown, W. C. Brown, of Winston; J. W. Gulick, of Goldsboro; J. J. Whitaker, of Enfield; Jas. Southgate, of Durham; James Diniwiddie, W. A. Withers, John W. Thompson, R. H. Bradford, of Raleigh; W. H. Kitchin, of Scotland Neck; J. D. Bullock, of Wilson; W. S. Liddell, D. G. Maxwell, D. E. Allen, of Charlotte; J. H. Hackburn, of New Bern.

UNITED STATES COURT.

A Large Number of Cases for Violation of the Revenue Laws Disposed of Yesterday.

The United States court for the Eastern district, pursuant to recess, met yesterday at 10 a. m., His Honor Judge Thomas R. Purnell presiding.

The officers of the court in attendance were United States District Attorney C. B. Aycock, United States Assistant District Attorney F. S. Spruill, United States Marshal O. J. Carroll, and Clerk W. H. Shaw.

The following grand jury was drawn: A. D. Johnson, E. J. McRacken, Jesse Wilson, of Sampson county, Jesse Wilson, of Brunswick county, George L. Giddens, W. S. Frink, John W. Perdew, George Rhodes, Frank Swain, F. W. Ortmann, J. M. Pearce, George H. Cannon, D. W. Thompson, oJhn W. Calvin, Luther Leonard, William Daughtry, W. J. Boney, T. M. Watson.

Upon order of the court George H. Cannon was sworn in as foreman of the grand jury and O. A. Wiggins was sworn in as bailiff.

Judge Purnell delivered a lucid and comprehensive charge to the grand jury, after which it retired and reported sundry true bills.

The court took up and disposed of ceses as follows:

U. S. vs. Ed. Moore, retailing liquor without license, verdict not guilty.

U. S. vs. John Jackson, retailing liquar withoutl icense, verdict guilty. Sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay $100 fine.

U. S. vs. John Locklear, retailing liquor without license, verdict guilty. Sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay $100 fine.

U. S. vs. J. T. Britt, breaking into warehouse and carrying away spirits, nol prossed.

U. S. vs. Jim Patrick, retailing liquor without license, not prossed.

U. S. vs. Henry Bowden, retailing liquor without license, nol prossed.

U. S. vs. Henry Dixon, retailing liquor without license, continued.

U. S. vs. B. Bellois, failure to cancel stamps. Judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

U. S. vs. Isaac Williams, retailing liquor without license, called and failed. judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. Eddie Malloy, retailing, continued.

James G. Germain, illicit distilling, called and failed, judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. James Baldwin, retailing, nol prossed.

U. S. vs. Luther Ransom, retailing, nol prossed.

U. S. vs. O. S. Jones, illicit distilling, continued.

U. S. vs. Murdock Malloy, retailing, called and failed. Judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. John Swinson, illicit distilling continued.

U. S. vs. Henry Covington, retailing, called and failed. Judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. Charles Hubbard, retailing, called and failed. Judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. Charley Campbell, retailing, called and failed. Judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. Wiley Oakley, retailing, called and failed. Judgment nisi.

U. S. vs. Eli Hines, retailing, continued. Alias capias.

U. S. vs. Phillip Munlin, retailing, continued.

U. S. vs. W. M. Formyduval, opening letter in postoffice, plead guilty. Fined $50 and costs.

U. S. vs. W. M. Formyduval, sci fa. Dismissed on payment of the costs.

U. S. vs. Patrick Stewart, illicit distilling, plead guilty. Judgment was suspended and defendant was discharged having been in jail four months.

U. S. vs. B. Bellois, failing to concel stamp. Judgment suspended on payment of the cost.

U. S. vs. T. F. Boyd, concealing spirits, verdict guilty. Fined $25 and costs.

U. S. vs. Duncan Covington, retailing liquor without license. Verdict not guilty.

U. S. vs. Henry Malloy, retailing liquor without license. Called and failed.

U. S. vs. August McGougan, reailing liquor without license, order for capias.

The court at 5:50 p. m. took a recess till 9:30 o'clock this morning.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. R. W. Grizzard, of Wallace, is here.

Mr. J. A. McLean, of Richmond, Va., is at The Orton.

Mr. John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, is at The Orton.

Mr. J. S. Cobb, of Verona, Miss., is in the city.

Sheriff J. M. Marshburn, of Sampson, was here yesterday.

Mr. K. E. Terry, of Stella, was seen on our streets yesterday.

Mr. L. C. Wooten, of Fayetteville, visited the city yesterday.

Dr. W. H. G. Lucas, of Whitehall, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. D. S. Aman, of Onslow, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

Mr. J. L. Horne, of Rocky Mount, was seen on our streets yesterday.

Messrs. W. T. Howle, and J. D. Whitaker, of Raleigh, are in the city.

Mr. John D. Costin, a prominent citizen, of Maysville, is a guest at The Orton.

Messrs. J. Leak and W. J. Carter, of Maxton, are here attending the United States court.

United States Deputy Collector W. T. Caho, of New Bern, is here attending the United States court.

Mr. A. A. Wells, of Elm City, who is traveling salesman for the Rhienstein Dry Goods Company, of this city, is in town.

Miss Mattie Strauss, left yesterday morning for York, Pa., where she goes to visit her sister Mrs. George F. Molten.

Hon. F. M. Simmons, of Raleigh, came in last evening to attend the United States district court, and is stopping at The Orton.

Misses Lillie White, of Edenton, N. C., and Annie Boushall, of Elizabeth City, N. C., two very charming young ladies, are visitng Miss Belle Gore, 604 Dock street.

Mr. J. E. Norwood, formerly of this city, but now cashier of the Savings bank at Newberry, S. C., was in the city yesterday and gave The Messenger a pleasant call.

Colonel John F. Bruton, of Wilson and Colonel Walker Taylor, of this city, left yesterday for Charlotte to attend the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows now in session in that city.

Messrs. John D. Shaw, Jr., of Laurinburg, A. D. Ward, of New Bern, H. L. Stevens, of Warsaw, B. F. Mc-Lean, of aMxton, and J. F. Musslewhite, of Hope Mills, are among the attorneys here attending the federal court.

Mr. J. Whitney Houk, general eastern agent of the California Fruit Transportation Company, has gone to Norfolk to took after the company's business there. He leaves Mr. C. W. Woodward in charge here.

Miss Willie Stanton, the beautiful and attractive daughter of Mr. W. L. Stanton, of Atlanta, Ga., who has been visiting Miss Aarbella Gore, during the sitting of the Southern Baptist convention, returned home yesterday much to the regret of many friends. Our gates are always open to visitors of this kind.

Mr. J. C. Hines, of Faison, N. C., one of Duplin county's leading and most valuable citizens, returned home yesterday after spending a few days in the city. Mr. Hines was a welcome caller at The Messenger office while here and also attended the memorial services and was greatly pleased with Dr. Jones' address.

The following charming young ladies attended the recent session of the Southern Baptist convention in this city, and were guests of Mr. D. L. Gore: Miss Stanton, of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss White, of Edenton, N. C.; Miss Williams, of Boydton, Va., and Miss Buschel, of Elizabeth City. These young ladies won great popularity during their stay in Wilmington.

The Opera House Last Night.

A good audience assembled at the opera house last night to hear and witness an illustrated lecture by the Rev. J. T. Betts, of Richmond, Va., on a tour through Palestine. The entertainment opened with a splendid duett by Miss Norma Foster and Master Frank St. John, accompanied on the piano by Miss Bessie Burtt. Mr. A. L. Byrd, of Dunn, N. C., treated the audience to several fine whistling selections, and then Mr. Betts by means of the projectoscope exhibited various scenes in Palestine accompanying them by interesting remarks and comments. In his exhibition Mr. Betts introduced the following striking characters, which were represented as follows:

Lady of Bethlehem—Miss Lillian Fulford.

Mohamedan Lrdy—Miss Lillian Breckinbridge.

Egyptian Lady—Miss Lillie Keith.

Lady of Jerusalem—Miss Ethel Barnes.

Turk—Mr. A. L. Byrd, of Dunn.

Jewish Rabi—Rev. Mr. Aden.

Abrabian Sheep—Mr. A .A. Wells.

Good Samaritan—Mr. T. F. Simmons.

They were all shown in the costumes peculiar to the country described.

Mr. Betts then lectured on Egypt, Palestine, carrying his audience on an interesting tour through those countries.

The entertainment was highly instructive and entertaining.

Take JOHNSON'S CHILL & FEVER TONIC.

Southport's Hospitality.

A pleasant party of about 200 ladies and gentlemen took in the excursion on the steamer Wilmington yesterday morning to Southport and out to sea. Quite a number of the delegates of the Southern Baptist convention who had remained over in the city went down and greatly enjoyed the trip. The people of Southport cordially entertained the party with a substantial dinner that was greatly appreciated. The steamer returned to the city at 6:30 p. m.

THE MESSENGER.

Its Enterprise Commended and Endorsed by Scores of Its Friends, and Its Praises Sung by Others.

The Messenger has received so many cordial words of thanks and letters from delegates and others in attendance on the Southern Baptist convention, that it was contenting itself that it had done its duty to the convention, to Wilmington, to itself, and we might say the state, but when during the day more than twenty letters were received by mail and at The Messenger office from business men of Wilmington, we began to realize that our efforts in part were appreciated at home, and that others, besides ourselves, felt proud of The Messenger.

We can find room to print but a portion of these letters this morning, as it is not the policy of this paper to sound its praises to the neglect of news. We belive, however, it is a duty we owe our readers and ourselves that the letters should be published to let others see what is thought of The Messenger at home, so that is our excuse for printing them.

The Messenger is not the oldest paper in the state, but it has shown by its enterprise that it "gets there just the same," every time. Below we print some of the letters and will print the balance tomorrow:

[From Mr. D. L. Gore, Grocer and Commission Merchant.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell, City:

Sirs—Your paper during the sessions of our Baptist convention is worthy of the commendation of each and every citizen of this place. Allow me to thank you for your energy and enterprise.

Yours truly,
D. L. GORE.

[From Captain W. R. Kenen, Collector of Customs.]

Messrs. Jackson & Bell, City:

I feel that such enterprise as you have shown in your reports of the session of the late Baptist convention, together with advertising the advantages of Wilmington and her surroundings, deserves the highest commendation of every citizen, and for one I thank you.

W. R. KENAN.

[From Mr. S. H. Fishblate, Clothier.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jockson & Bell, City:

Dear Sirs—I take great pleasure in congratulating you on the success of your recent issue of your paper, The Messenger. It was an enterprise that should be appreciated by this entire community. It has done more to boom this city than anything that has occured here in years.

Yours very truly,
S. H. FISHBLATE.

[From Mr. H. C. McQueen of Murchison & Co., Bankers.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell, City:

The editions of The Messenger during the past few days, reflect much credit on Wilmington, and I desire to express to you my cordial appreciation of such an exhibition of public spirit, on the part of its management.

H. C. McQUEEN.

[From Mr. Wm. E. Worth, Ice Manufacturer.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell,
Wilmington, N. C.:

Gentlemen—I cannot help saying to you that each morning during the convention when I have looked over "The Messenger," that it has been done with a sense of pride and gratitude. All things considered, your paper has been more than a credit to our community, and you deserve its thanks. I not only wish to thank you, but to congratulate you. You certainly have done nobly.

Very sincerely,
WM. E. WORTH.

[From Mr. W. M. Cumming, Real Estate Agent.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell

My Dear Sirs and Friends:

As a citizen of Wilmington, I wish to express to you my appreciation of the manner in which your very good paper has sustained the reputation of the city and done honor to itself in its issues during the Southern Baptist convention. It is no more than we should have expected, but it was fully up to anything we could have expected of a live, wide-awake and progressive paper, and worthy of the best paper in a much larger city.

Respectfully and very sincerely,
W. M. CUMMING.

[From Charles E. Borden, Esq., President Navassa Guano Company.]

Editors Wilmington Messenger, City:

Dear Sirs—As a citizen of Wilmington, much interested in its welfare and development, allow me to express the pleasure I have derived in noting the enterprise and public spirit displayed by your paper in its excellent issues during the sittings of the Baptist convention, and the large amount of space devoted to Wilmington and its various industries. The appearance and get up of your paper is excellent, anu would be a credit to a much larger city.

Trusting that your enterprise will be rewarded, as it should be, with a much larger subscription list and a more generous advertising patronage, I am, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
CHAS. E. BORDEN.

[From Messrs. Geo. R. French & Sons, Wholesale Dealer in Boots and Shoes.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell,
Publishers of The Messenger, City.:

Gentlemen—We wish to congratulate you on your public spirit, and the handsome manner in which you got out your paper during the session of the convention. It should be a matter of pride to every citizen of this place, as your several editions were metropolitan, and would have been creditable in any city. For our home paper—by our "home boys," we feel we should not let the occasion pass, without, at least, giving a word of commendation and appreciation—that you should not think you are "without honor in your own country." Wishing you abundant success in all your enterprise, we are,

Very truly yours,
GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.

[From Mr. J. C. Stevenson, of Stevenson & Taylor, Wholesale Grocers.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell,

Editors of The Messenger, City:

Dear Sirs—As a citizen of Wilmington, identified with her fortunes, whether they be good or bad, as a business man, dependent upon her prosperity, as a humble member of the Baptist church of this city, which has had the honor of entertaining the Southern Baptist convention, I cannot refrain from acknowledging with excusable pride the debt I feel to you for the splendid paper you gave us during the convention. The city was never so well advertised, and your reports of the doings of the convention was all that could have been desired. To one of my limited knowledge of such things the work accomplished in getting up the several editions of your paper is simply marvelous. I did not think that the facilities were at hand within the borders of North Carolina to produce such a paper. I rejoice with you as a business man at such evidence of thrift and enterprise. I commend your enterprise to business men of our city in all branches.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES C. STEVENSON.

Last night's mail brought us the following appreciative letter from an old friend. of The Messenger:

Goldsboro, N. C., May 11, 1897.

To the Editors of The Messenger:

You spoke of the Sunday issue of The Messenger as a "hummer." Now comes Tuesday's issue which is also a "hummer." You are to be congratulated. You have kept up with the procession and if all the enterprises of Wilmington (and God bless the old town), could put forward the push and energy you have shown in the last few days in your valuable paper, it would not be long before the great advantages your town has over many other southern towns (that are prospering) would be utilized. With your opportunities of shipments, foreign and coastwise, and as you may say, four railroads, running into your town, with a climate unsurpassed and the numerous pleasure resorts in your immediate vicinity and all accessible, it does seem as though you should hear the whir of factories and the hum of looms. There is no town in our state comparable to Wilmington in many respects, besides its high social status, the fine moral and religious tenor that prevail and the true southern hospitality just makes one feel that the city by the sea is the place to abide. Let your authorities send some good talker (have you not a Chesterfield) into the New England states and talk up your town and its advantages and persuade some one, if need be, to start a factory and take my word for it, others will follow; that will give an impetus to your people, and you will no more hear the toasts from old "Rip," "here is to you and all your family. May you live long and prosper."

Cordially,
A. J. GALLOWAY.

[From Colonel Walker Taylor, Insurance Agent.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 11, 1897.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell,
Proprietors Wilmington Messenger:

I regard it a duty and esteem it a pleasure in my official capacity as chairman special committee of the Chamber of Commerce to express to you my appreciation of the splendid work you did for our city during the sitting of the Southern Baptist convention. I am proud of our city, for the handsome way in which it entertained our visitors, and right royally did our people sustain their reputation for hospitality, but no one agency did more than The Messenger to demonstrate to our guests the cordial welcome extended them. In serving the convention by expending labor without limit, and money without stint in publishing the proceedings from day to day, you rendered a service to our city that every citizen, without distinction should feel proud of, and for which I am sure all make hearty acknowledgement. I have it from those high in the councils of the convention that The Messenger's reports are the best ever given on like occasion, and that the work accomplished by you would do credit to a city many times the size of ours. But in addition to this you published much matter relative to our various industries and pleasure resorts and thus did the city service of great value by advertising its resources, while adding to the pleasure of our visitors by pointing out possibilities for enjoyment.

Permit me to suggest that those who feel an interest in the work of the convention, and who desire a full and accurate report of the proceedings will do well to provide themselves with copies of The Messenger covering the full term of the convention. Thanking you again for the publis spirit manifested and commendmending you for the enterprise displayed, I beg to remain,

Very truly,
WALKER TAYLOR.

The Fire Companies About to Disband.

The fire companies are dissatisfied with the great reduction made in the appropriations made by the board of aldermen and board of audit and finance for the respective companies, and have decided to unite in a protest to the boards.

At a meeting of Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Company Messrs. E. G. Parmele, W. C. VonGlahn and H. G. Walsh were appointed a committee for this purpose. The Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder Company appointed Messrs. T. J. Gore, W. F. Ketchum and C. C. Parker, and Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company last night appointed Messrs. R. H. Northrop, W. M. Atkinson and John K. Williams. The other companies will also appoint committees.

The appropriation has been cut down about $2,000 and the members of the companies state that they cannot maintain their organizations on the amount allowed them. Some of the companies, with the former appropriations, spend from $100 to $150 a year, for current expenses, in excess of their allowance.

All the companies are agreed that if they cannot secure sufficient appropriations to sustain them they will disband and turn over their apparatus to the city.

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My son was afflicted with catarrh. I induced him to try Ely's Cream Balm and the disagreeable catarrhal smell all left him. He appears as well as any one. J. C. Olmstead, Arcola, Ill.

New York Vegetable Market.

New York, May 11.—Cabbages and tomatoes quiet; no steamer; cabbages nominally $1.00 to $1.50 per crate; tomatoes, nominally $1.50 to $2.00 per carrier; potatoes quiet but firm; New York 95c to $1.20; sweets $1.25 to $2.25.

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A GENTLEMAN GOING THIS WEEK TO the Sound for the summer would be pleased to rent his house, completely furnished, till October 1st, if desired. House has six rooms and in best neighborhood. Box 315, city. my 11 3t

FOR SALE—MY HOUSE AND LOT ON Ninth and Market streets, 66x155 feet. Apply to R. M. McIntire or W. M. CUMMING. my6 10t

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THE REASON THAT PARKER DOES MORE painting than any one else in town is because he does good work for less money. If you are going to paint get an estimate from him. Satisfaction guaranteed before any money is required. 213½ Market street my 9 1m

BUY THE NEW HOME MACHINE. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Never get out of order. Examine it before you purchase any other. $35.00 on lease. Climax $25.00 on easy payments. Special prices to visitors to the Baptist Convention. T. W. WOOD, Agent, 123 Princess street. apl 29

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D. C. WHITTED

Funds to Pay All Creditors.

Atlanta, Ga., May 11.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Georgia Loan Savings bank, of which institution the cashier, H. A. Cassin, was recently found to be short $45,000, held today, a new board of directors was elected. It was decided to resist the application for a receiver, as the report of the committee of stockholders, which has been investigating the assets, showed the bank has ample funds to pay all its creditors. The application will be heard tomorrow and in all probability denied. A statement from ex-Cashier Cassin was read before the meeting in which he denied that he had been guilty of any criminality. John Oliver was named as president to succeed Mr. Gress and Alonzo Richardson succeeds Cashier Cassin.

The Acreage in Strawberries.

Mt. Olive, N. C., May 11.

Editors Messenger:

Your correspondent in Sunday's paper, stated that there was about 1,100 acres in strawberries along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad between Wilmington and Goldsboro. I wish to correct same. There are about 3,000 acres in this one crop. D. J. AARON.

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B. F. HALL, Trustee.
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ABBIE - GHADBOURN - MEMORIAL HALL

Admission 25 cents.

May 14th, 1897 at 8:30 P. M.
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Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

On and After May 5th, 1897.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington 10:10 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m.

Leave Ocean View 7:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 5:00 p. m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

Leave Wilmington 10:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m.

Leave Ocean View 12:00 m., 5:00 p. m.

R. O. GRANT, Superintendent.
may 4

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The following rates for Passenger Fare will be in force to any and all stations on and after May 4th, 1897:

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From Greenville or Bradley's Creek to any station on Beach 15 cents round trip.

From Wrightsville to any station on Beach 10 cents round trip.

From any station on Beach to any other station on Beach 5 cents each way.

R. O. GRANT, Supt.

GEO. R. FRENCH, President.
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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. CO., WILMINGTON, N. C., May 3rd, 1897.

The Board of Directors of the WILMINGTON AND WELDON RAILROAD CO. have declared a dividend of three and one half per cent. on the Capital Stock of that Company, payable to all holders of record of this date. Dividend payable at the office of the Treasurer on and after May 12th, 1897. The books for the transfer of stock will stand closed from this date to May 12th, inclusive.

JAMES F. POST, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer W. & W. R. R. Co.
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IMPORTANT - NOTICE

TO

DELEGATES AND VISITORS

TO

Southern Baptist Convention

Returning home over the Seaboard Air Line (who have tickets) can have their Baggage checked from house direct to destination and save time and avoid the rush at depot by leaving order with

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Trimmings,	cordially invite all visitors in the city to call at their store,	Ribbons,
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Corsets,	**111 MARKET STREET**	Embroideries,
Underwear,	where they will find a stock of Goods unsurpassed in Style and quality. Prices moderate.	Velvets,
White Goods,		Silks,
Notions,		Satins,
Fine China,		Flowers,
Bric-a-Brac,	**No Trouble to Show Stock**	Feathers,
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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. 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 you 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,