

The Messenger.

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Wanted—Special. For Sale—Special. Cantaloupes—Special. The Scottish Chief—J. K. Hill. Foreclosure Sale—P. Collier. Carolina Beach Schedule—J. W. Harper. Mr. Edwin P. Pond—Powers, Gibbs & Co. Use Best Baking Powder—D. C. Whitted.

Weather Conditions. (Reported by C. M. Strong, Local Forecaster.) U. S. Weather Bureau Office, May 24.

The storm has moved to central over the Middle Atlantic coast, with trough extending southwest over the Carolinas. Rain is falling over western Florida, the District and Virginia, and occurred during the afternoon over the Middle states and the lakes. Light showers have also fallen over the western Gulf states.

LOCAL FORECAST. To 12 o'clock (mid) Tuesday—Showers in the morning; cloudy, northerly winds. FOR THE STATE. Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mid) Tuesday—Fair, except showers near the coast in the morning; cooler in eastern portions; northerly winds.

TEMPERATURE. 1897—5 a. m., 75 degrees; 7 p. m., 75 degrees; highest, 85 degrees; lowest, 62 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—Sun rises, 4:48 a. m.; sun sets 7:55 p. m.; high water at Wilmington, 4:42 p. 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.

See new schedule of the steamer Wilmington. See foreclosure sale advertised in this morning's Messenger.

New York last night quoted Irish potatoes quiet at \$3 to \$3.50.

Congressional proceedings and other telegraphic news on the third page.

Sunday's twelve-page Messenger was a surprise, and there was too much in it.

At St. Luke's A. M. E. church, on Sunday night, over \$500 was raised towards improving the church building.

Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, was here yesterday on his return from Onslow county. He tells us that the trucking industry has wonderfully developed in Onslow along the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk railroad.

Mr. Charles Rogers, of Messrs. Westbrook & Co.'s farm, at the Southernland place, sent the Messenger yesterday a lot of fine strawberries. They were the Murray variety, and were well colored and delicious in flavor.

A colored man by the name of Davis, from Myrtle Grove Sunday, was accidentally shot by a pistol Sunday night. The wound inflicted was in the left side, and, as it happened, the ball entered just below the region of the heart and glanced on a rib, going up into a thin portion of the skin. It was removed by Dr. J. C. Shepard. Davis was getting along well at last accounts.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. B. B. Winborne, of Murfreesboro, was at the Orton yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Black, of Maxton, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

Mr. S. P. Cowan has returned from Baltimore, where he was under treatment at the Johns Hopkins hospital. We are glad to note that his health is much improved.

Rev. W. A. King, of Boston, who has been the guest of Mr. E. W. Pond, left yesterday for his home. He came here during the session of the Southern Baptist convention, and expresses himself as much pleased with Wilmington.

Mrs. Clayton Giles left yesterday evening for Baltimore, where her daughter, Miss Lucile Murchison, is at school. From Baltimore Mrs. Giles and Miss Murchison will go to New York and will sail thence on Saturday for Europe, where they will remain till December.

Mr. Charles M. McArthur, formerly with Messrs. A. David & Co., the well known clothiers of this city, has engaged to travel for the wholesale clothing house of M. Schiller & Co., New York. He starts out on the road June 1st with his fall samples. Mr. McArthur has had long experience in the business and a young man of good business qualities and fine address. The Messenger wishes him the success he well deserves and we are sure will win.

"The Beauty of the Bible." As already announced, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., will lecture at the Young Men's Christian Association to-night at 8:30 o'clock on the above subject. There will be no admission fee charged, but all, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend. The Bible is the most widely quoted of any book in the English language, yet probably few are acquainted with its literary beauties, or know how full it is of pathos, sentiment, invocation, philosophy, and even of humor. Dr. Strange will point out some of these qualities to-night.

Little George, the 4-year-old son of Mr. George Motte who resides on Seventh street, between Queen and Wooster streets, strayed away from home yesterday afternoon and the last seen of him was at 5 o'clock near Greenfield pond, outside the southern limits of the city. Mr. Motte and a party of friends scoured the woods around the pond but up to midnight they failed to find the little fellow. It is hoped the distressed parents will have their lost boy restored to them today.

Death of Mr. Roger Priddy. Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son yesterday received a letter, bearing the death of Mr. Roger Priddy. Mr. Priddy several years ago was stenographer for the firm of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, and was well known in the business community. He died of consumption. He made numerous friends while he was a resident of Wilmington, and they will be pained to learn of his death.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

A Young Man at Netart Atry Deliberately Kills Another and is Himself Shot to Death by a Citizen of the Sheriff's posse Which Went in the Woods to Capture Him. A terrible double tragedy occurred at Mt. Airy on Sunday, Charles Fry, a young cigarmaker, about 22 years of age, with some other young men went out to the home of Charles Adkins, another cigarmaker, who lives with his father in the suburbs. They were inside the house gambling about 3 p. m., and in a dispute it is said that Adkins drew a pistol but in the scuffle Fry took it away from him. They were separated and Atkins went out on the piazza and sat down. Fry went out where he was with the pistol in his hand, placed the muzzle of it in Atkins' face and shot him through the forehead, killing him instantly. Fry then went up town to his home near the Blue Ridge Inn, and he had a letter from his father who had told him to skip and he was drinking; they went with him out to drink to a piece of wood near the cemetery. Before leaving Adkins went into a bar-room and bought a pint of whiskey.

In the meantime the sheriff was notified of the murder and he organized a posse and went in pursuit of Fry. The posse discovered the three men in the woods and closed in on them, but they were misled by Fry's father and brother who ran and were followed by the men. It seems that the murderer had gone into a house, and when William Goings, one of the posse, was approaching it he jumped out of a window. Goings ran up and grasped him and though he was considerably under the influence of whiskey, he got the best of a young man of very desperate character. As soon as he freed himself he drew his pistol and tried to shoot Goings but it snapped and failed to go off. At the same time Goings drew his pistol and shot Fry through the fleshy part of the leg. Both men then fired at each other and missed. Both fired about the same time again but Fry missed his man. The ball from Goings' pistol, however, struck the murderer under the right shoulder, passing through his body and came out on the other side near his heart. He fell and died instantly.

CUT HIS OWN THROAT.

Engineer Zack Nettles, Demented, Kills Himself in Florence—He Used a Carving Knife to End his Life. Yesterday's Columbia State contains the following painful intelligence: "A blow on the temple from a rock about a month ago unsettled Engineer Z. W. Nettles' mind to such an extent that yesterday at 6 o'clock p. m., in Florence, he took his own life by cutting his throat with a carving knife, from ear to ear. A month ago he was as usual bringing his train into Columbia, and the first to arrive from the Sparrow Swamp and Timmonsville, a rock was hurled with great force into the engine room. The engineer, Nettles, on the temple and made such a bad wound that the train was stopped and his head dressed. Resuming his position at the throttle he brought the fast passenger train into the city on time. The wound was dressed and he given permission to 'lay off' for a few days. That was the last time he ever pulled open a throttle. Externally the blow appeared to have done little harm, but during the few days 'lay off' his friends noticed that he was affected mentally. They called Mrs. Nettles to leave on her husband, which she did with a wife's devotion. Yesterday about 5 o'clock Engineer Nettles casually remarked that he was going to step out for a few minutes. He did so, and unperceived by any one carried with him a carving knife. "Time passed by and his wife went to look for him. She found him in an out-of-door position at the dwelling, his throat was cut, and lying at his feet was the implement of death all covered with blood. "The blow over the eye had demented the engineer and he had taken his own life. The apparently harmless wound had caused his death and he knew it, who maliciously caused it is unknown. "Engineer Nettles was one of the oldest and best men in the city. He was highly esteemed among railroad men and numerous acquaintances in Wilmington and the news of the tragedy had been a great shock to them. He was a brother of Mrs. W. F. Corbett, of our city, and sincere sympathy is felt for her and the family of the deceased.

A True Representative.

The Messenger is pleased to publish the following from The Gainesville (Fla.) Sun concerning a former Wilmingtonian: "Senator Darby, of Putnam county, is one of the best representatives at Tallahassee. While personally differing with the democratic party on the financial question, he has repeatedly stated that he knew his constituents favored the free coinage of silver and he would do all in his power for the election of a senator holding views contrary to his own. He has kept his word in every instance, and the people are largely indebted to him for the satisfactory termination of the senatorial contest. "Yes was always on the alert and never failed to observe a weak point for a favorable attack upon the opposition. The people will not soon forget his valuable services in the recent senatorial campaign. "The above shows that Senator Darby has a high conception of his duties as a representative. He is a strong sound money man, but he was not in the legislature representing himself, and the stand he has taken shows his fidelity to his constituents.

Reduced Rates for the University Commencement.

On account of the commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., May 28th to June 5th, the Southern railway will place on sale reduced rate round trip tickets from all points within the state to that city, as well as from Norfolk and Danville Va., to Chapel Hill and return. Tickets will be on sale May 28th to June 3rd inclusive, with final limit June 7th. The rates from principal points will be as follows: Charlotte, \$5.25; Durham, 75 cents; Raleigh, \$3.50; Norfolk, \$7.85; Greensboro, \$2.40.

Attorney General McKenna rendered an opinion today to the effect that the secretary of war has no authority to authorize the erection of secretaries' building on military reservations.

The Change of Schedule on the C. & V. V. Wilmington, N. C., May 24.

Messrs. Jackson & Bell, City: Gentlemen:—I regret very much to see from your yesterday's mammoth issue, that our proposed change of schedule in passenger trains, did not meet with your approbation, but when you are acquainted with the advantages incidental to such a change, I am satisfied you will view the matter in a different light. I admit that it does put your paper a little late in the hands of your subscribers along the line of our road, which fact is to be regretted, but with other advantages, which are here-in-given, you will readily see the importance of the change, as it will afford our people an opportunity of reaching the mountains of western North Carolina in very short time, as well as visitors to the seashore from the mountains or nearer points.

Under the proposed change, parties leaving Wilmington at 12:15 p. m., reach Statesville, N. C., at 8:40 p. m., Newton, N. C., at 9:15 p. m.; Hickory 9:30 p. m., Connelly Springs 9:45 p. m., Morristown 10:32 p. m., Marion 10:35 p. m., Old Fort 10:55 p. m., Black Mountain 11:37 p. m., Asheville 12:12 a. m., Hot Springs 12:25 a. m., Mountain View, Tenn., 3:00 a. m.; Knoxville, Tenn., a. m.; Chattanooga, Tenn., 7:40 a. m.; Nashville, Tenn., 1:50 p. m.

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Trusting the above explanation will be satisfactory, I remain

Very truly yours, THOMAS C. JAMES.

In reply to Captain James' card we would say that The Messenger only expressed regrets that the proposed change of schedule would 'deprive a great many of its subscribers from receiving their favorite paper until a very late hour in the day,' and not for the purpose of finding fault with its friends of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valleys. The Messenger will admit that the reasons for the change proposed, as presented by Captain James, may be very good for the road and its patrons, as it enables them to reach their points much quicker than they have heretofore done, but it does not alter the case as far as the newspaper is concerned. On that score, however, we have no quarrel to make, only we would like, if it could be so, that our friends could have put on an earlier train instead of a later one, since that would have been much better for The Messenger.

A glance at the schedules of the several railroads in force now, along with the change proposed by the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway, will show the following facts:

On the Atlantic Coast Line, the first train to leave Wilmington for the north is at 9 a. m., and the first to arrive from the north is at 9:40 a. m. The first train to leave for the south is at 3:25 p. m., and the first to arrive from that direction is at 12:15 p. m.

On the Seaboard Air Line, the first train to leave Wilmington is at 8:30 p. m., and the first to arrive is at 12:30 p. m. On the Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk railway the first train to leave Wilmington is at 2 p. m., and the first to arrive is at 12:40 p. m.

On the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway the first train to leave Wilmington is at 12:15 p. m., and the first to arrive is at 4:30 p. m. The Messenger has a large patronage on the roads named, and it strives at all times, in season and out of season, to serve them faithfully and well, but it is poor encouragement for us after going hard all night, that our papers should remain here in the postoffice several hours after papers of the same date, hauled hundreds of miles from Wilmington, are received here.

Take the case of the Charleston and Columbia papers. They arrive here at 12:15 p. m. The Messenger leaves on the 3:25 p. m. train. The same thing is the case on the Seaboard Air Line. The Charlotte papers reach here at 12:30 p. m., and The Messenger remains dead in the postoffice until 3:20 p. m. On the Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk railway the New Bern papers reach here at 12:40 while The Messenger leaves at 2 p. m.

In face of these facts, if The Messenger was not the paper it is, it would not have a subscriber on the roads named. If the schedules were depended on for it.

CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The closing exercises of the Hemmery school will take place tonight at 8:30 o'clock, and the Union school tomorrow night at the same hour. The closing entertainment of the high school at the Thelston school building, will occur on Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Take JOHNSON'S CHILL & FEVER TONIC.

Rev. W. M. Hicks in a Retreat. New York, May 24.—Rev. William Michael Hicks, formerly dean of the Episcopal cathedral of Quincy, Ill., who has been visiting at Savannah, Ga., and St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested last Saturday charged with inducing Bishop Potter's household, by persistent application of ministerial post, it was alleged that Mr. Hicks, an Englishman, was a preacher of rare eloquence is insane, and to enter St. John's Land, retreat at St. Joseph, Mo., to be treated for the disease, and the charge against him was withdrawn.

The president sends a cable message to Queen Victoria congratulating her on the celebration of her 78th birthday.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

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