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

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Washington, D. C., May 27.

The barometer has fallen generally over all eastern sections and risen over the northwest during the past twelve hours. It is highest over the southeast and northwest sections and lowest over the southwest and north-west.

Light rain has fallen along the upper lakes and thunderstorms have occurred during the day over the central western valleys south of Iowa.

Elsewhere the weather has continued fair, except over Massachusetts, where light rain is falling tonight. It is warmer east and south and cooler over the central west.

Conditions indicate increasing cloudiness Friday and possibly showers at night over this locality with higher temperature.

LOCAL FORECASTS. To 12 o'clock (mid) Friday—Fair; warmer; southerly winds. May 27.

FOR THE STATE. Washington forecasts to 12 o'clock (mid) Friday—Fair; warmer; southerly winds.

TEMPERATURE. 1897—8 a. m., 74 degrees; 8 p. m., 78 degrees; highest, 91 degrees; lowest, 67 degrees.

1897—8 a. m., 62 degrees; 8 p. m., 67 degrees; highest, 73 degrees; lowest, 52 degrees.

Miniature Almanac—Sun rises 4:46 a. m.; sun sets 7:08 p. m.; high water at Southport, 5:00 p. m.; high water at Wilmington, 6:47 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, 4:28 a. m.; new moon, 31st, 5:17 a. m.; apogee, 2nd, 2, 02, and 29th, 5:27 a. m.; perigee, 16th, 2nd.

PITHY LOCALS. The New York market quotations by telegraph last night stated that tomatoes are selling at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per carrier, and cabbage at 50 cents to \$1.00 per crate and 75 to 80 cents per barrel.

A number of young children will give a lawn party this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mr. P. L. Bridgers. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Shelter of the Silver Cross.

The Carolina Cycle Club is on a big boom. Within the past three days 28 new members have been taken in. These pretty evenings the improved streets and the turnpike are alive with lady and gentlemen bicyclists.

A game of base ball was played yesterday at the O. A. N's grounds between the Blues, Edwin Taylor captain, and the Young Crusaders, Willie Smith captain. The game resulted in a victory for the Blues by a score of 14 to 8.

On account of the death of Miss Barbara Monroe, sister of Mr. Jas. W. Monroe, president of the Second Regiment band, the concert to have been given by the band tonight has been postponed till next Tuesday night.

The Southern Union of the Eastern Association convenes today with the Masonboro Baptist church, and will continue until Sunday night. Messrs. J. T. Bland, Hanson Bland, James M. C. Walton, N. A. Shelly and others arrived in the city on their way to Masonboro as delegates and visitors to the union meeting.

Yesterday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock Policemen H. Kuhl and J. H. McDonald found a candle lighted and placed in a lot of light wood and paper underneath a small vacant house beneath Mr. H. Bloom on Fifth and Chestnut streets. They carried the candle and other material to the city hall. It was a deliberate attempt to start a fire.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. J. W. Foy, of Baltimore, was here yesterday.

Mr. Walter Scott, of Charlotte, is a guest of The Orton.

Mr. Thos. Hayes, of Rocky Point, is at the Bonitz Hotel.

Mr. A. J. Crumpton, of Charlotte, is a guest of The Orton.

T. A. McNeill, Esq., of Lumberton, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. C. B. Price, of Mount Olive, was here yesterday on business.

Mr. E. W. Sumrell, of Jacksonville, is a guest of the Bonitz Hotel.

Mr. S. R. Townsend, of Red Springs, made business calls here yesterday.

Colonel V. W. Richardson, of Whiteville, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. N. G. Wade, of Wades, was in the city making business calls yesterday.

Mr. J. F. Johnson, of Daughton, Pender county, gave us the pleasure of a call yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Larkins, of Long Creek, was a welcome caller at The Messenger office yesterday.

Messrs. Gaston L. Myers, and Edwin A. Metts have returned from Chapel Hill, where they have been attending the university.

Did She Land Arms in Cuba?—A Story that She Was Fired on by a Spanish War Vessel.

The tug Alexander Jones which left this port May 14th towing the schooner John D. Long, which it was reported was loaded with arms and ammunition and a number of men for Cuba, returned to Southport Wednesday evening. The lips of everybody on board are sealed but it was reported in the city yesterday that the Jones successfully landed two cargoes of arms on the Cuban coast, and that in doing so she was chased by a Spanish war vessel and had a thrilling adventure. It is said several solid shots were fired at her by the Spanish and some of them came uncomfortably close to the tug. It is reported that the John D. Long was sold to the Cubans and was left behind.

The Fire Alarm System Being Rebuilt. Mr. R. J. McElhenny, superintendent of the Gamewell Fire Alarm system, is busy with a force of hands rebuilding the circuits. New poles are being put up and the circuits are being strung with new triple corded insulated wire. The city is doing the work under Mr. McElhenny's supervision.

Superintendent McElhenny tells us that he has removed box twenty-eight from the northwest corner of Front and Grace streets to the southwest corner of the same streets. He desires this fact to be remembered by persons who may go there to turn in an alarm.

THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

Closing Exercises Last Night—Three Young Ladies Graduate—An Interesting Programme.

The closing exercises of the public high school took place last night at the Thieson school building on Ann street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and was a most gratifying success in all particulars. The hall was filled with the parents and friends of the pupils and they were greatly pleased and entertained during the evening. The rostrum was prettily decorated for the occasion.

The decorations on the rostrum consisted of white and blue, representing the university colors, and white and gold, representing the State Normal school colors.

The programme opened with an address of welcome by Master James K. Post, Jr., who evoked himself quite an orator in the eloquent words with which he welcomed the audience. He was warmly applauded.

The chorus then sang a song, "Sweet Memory" after which Miss Lillie V. Keathley read her graduating essay entitled, "North Carolina Women During the Revolution." The paper was prepared in excellent style, and the subject was well handled by this bright young lady. She was very heartily applauded and complimented.

The next number was a piano solo by Miss Jessie Burt, who rendered it with wonderful skill and received most flattering applause. The selection was played with most admirable technique and her playing called forth no end of compliments. It was greatly enjoyed by the appreciative audience.

Next came Miss Lottie Smith with her graduating essay entitled, "Wilmington Women During the Civil War." It was a splendid production, full of important and interesting historical facts, and the audience manifested its high appreciation of it by the heartiest applause.

After the singing of the "Gondolier's Song" by the chorus, Miss Bessie Hankins read her graduating essay. Her subject was "Education in Wilmington," and the essay was not only beautifully phrased, but was intensely interesting in the facts so happily grouped.

Professor M. C. S. Noble, superintendent of city public schools, then took the rostrum to present the certificates to the graduates. In speaking at the high school he said few perhaps realized the money worth of this school to this city. He said the daily attendance this season had averaged 100, and if they had gone away to school the minimum cost to each would have been \$150, so that it might be said that the school this season has saved the city of Wilmington \$15,000. The pupils were kept at home and the money also remains here. Professor Noble then delivered certificates to the three graduates, Misses Lillie Keathley, Lottie Smith and Bessie Hankins, who, he said, had finished the course. The young ladies gratefully received their certificates amid bursts of applause.

With Miss Bessie Burt at the piano, the school then gave a series of drills symbolic of American progress—"Indian Drill," "First Settlers," "Arrival of Settlers," "Arrival of Settlers' Wives," "The Pilgrims," "Revolutionary Period," "Immigration," and "Civil War."

During the Pilgrim drills Miss Nora Scott beautifully sang "Pilgrim Fathers." In the midst of the scene was a large American flag with a charming young lady, Miss Louise Dunning, on a high stool, beautifully representing "Liberty." In the "Revolutionary Period," Master Clayton Grant typically represented Patrick Henry in his wig and knee breeches. Master Grant gave a very fine declamation of Patrick Henry's famous oration, closing with "Give me liberty, or give me death." The audience warmly applauded.

Those who participated in the several drills were as follows: Indian Drill—Harry Smallbones, Raymond Humphreys, Owen Taylor, Joe Lochlin, and Misses Georgia Orrell, Bertha Dudley, Sallie Bell Jackson, and Lucy McCutchen. They were appropriately costumed and their drill was beautiful.

First Settlers—Neil McLaurin, Christian Bornemann, Irving Branch, James Craft. Settlers Wives—Misses Mamie McGill, Susie Williams, Silvi Hancock, Maggie Forshee.

The Pilgrims—Eugene Wiggins, Allie Mitchell, George Parkey, Russel Foster, James Craft, Irving Branch, Willie Gordon, James Post, Misses Carrie Duffie, Julia Parsley, Neppie Borden, Marie Keen, Beth Daggett, Blanche Chaddourn, Virginia Hoge, Jennie Burbank.

Immigration—Misses Daisy McEachern, May Wiggins, Janie Williams, Elsie White, Isabelle Struthers, Annie May Newbury, Charbel Vandyeke, Archie Bulluck, Joe Locklin.

Civil War—Misses Allie Smallbones, Stella McIntosh, Lucy McIntosh, Sallie McRee, Mamie Batson, Lena Cook, May Galloway, May Whitney, Nora Scott, Janie Ellis.

High School Girls—Misses Lena Solomon, Bessie Montgomery, Gertrude Bryan, Katie McGwin, Maggie Wilkinson, Daisy Sutton, Charlotte Styron, Carrie Wright, Frances Chaddourn, Annie Foard, Eva Stotter.

The drills were all beautifully executed and were very attractive and interesting. The audience manifested its appreciation by very hearty applause. During the drills "Star Spangled Banner" and "Dixie" were sung, and the exercises closed with the singing of "America" by the full chorus.

The chorus consisted of Misses May Whitney, Mamie Batson, May Galloway, Carrie Duffie, Allie Smallbones, Virginia Hoge, Gertrude Wessell, Susie Williams, Daisy McIntosh, Lena Cook, Willie Gordon, Neppie Borden, Annie Chesnut, Blanche Chaddourn, Sibyl Hancock, Janie Ellis, Lucy McIntosh, Stella McIntosh, Sallie McRee.

The audience was seated by four charming ushers, Misses Lena Solomon, Frances Chaddourn, Lillie Ward and Jessie Hall.

Our citizens should feel proud of the high school. It gives Wilmington one of the completest and best public school systems to be found in this country. The school has just closed its first year and during the past five months it has occupied the elegant Thieson school building. When the pupils complete the course in the public schools they are admitted into the high school, and when they finish the course in this school they have a good practical education. Boys can go from this school to the state university. Lester Branch, one of the high school boys, entered the university before he finished the high school course, and he was one of the honor boys at the examination for entry into the university. The teachers in the High School are

MISS ANNIE L. ROSE, MISS LESSIE LEACH, MISS GERTRUDE BAGBY, and MISS DAISY WAITT.

They are young ladies of rare accomplishments and are most efficient and thorough instructors.

Superintendent Noble informs us that the total enrollment of pupils in the public schools the past session has been 2,900, which is the greatest on record. He says he has never gotten along with so much harmony as during the past session.

Death of Miss Barbara Monroe. The sad announcement, after a long and painful illness, of the death of Miss Barbara, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Monroe, which occurred at 6:15 o'clock caused a feeling of the deepest sorrow for those stricken relatives and friends who she left behind to mourn their loss.

Pointed and severe in its infliction, it must, nevertheless, be a consolation for them to know that she died in full faith and with a Christian fortitude and resignation, which were her most noble traits in life. A devoted daughter, a loving sister, a firm and devoted friend has crossed the river to reap the reward of a well spent life.

Always awake the righteous and the just. To those old and decrepit parents, who have long since attained the allotted time of three score years and ten; to those devoted brothers and sisters, we can but tender our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy, and willingly would we pour the "Balm of Gilead" upon their broken hearts, but duty, like her, must lead with humble trust upon the merits of the Saviour; for He alone can console and comfort them in this, their darkest bereavement.

The deceased was a faithful member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and was held in the highest esteem and love of many friends.

The funeral will take place from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The remains will be laid away in Oakdale cemetery.

The Barrel Factory Will Not Shut Down. Colonel W. S. Cook, of Fayetteville, assignee of Mr. R. M. Nimocks, returned to Fayetteville yesterday. He was here looking after Mr. Nimock's interest in the Carolina Cooperage and Veneer Works. Mr. Nimocks owns \$100,000 of stock in this factory, and it was assigned along with his other assets. We are glad to learn that the factory will not be shut down but will run on as usual.

Death of a Young Lady. A telegram received here yesterday brings the sad intelligence of the death at Laurinburg of Miss Lida Gill, a lovely and popular young lady, daughter of the late Mr. W. A. Gill. She died of typhoid fever at 8:20 o'clock yesterday morning. The deceased young lady was a niece of Dr. J. D. Nutt and Mrs. Laura Alderman of this city.

The Nervous System is quickly helped by Anheuser-Busch's Malt-Nutrine—the food-drink. It quiets and soothes the nerves, induces refreshing slumber, it is all "Druggists."

A RAIL ROAD TO BE SOLD. Judge Simonson Issues a Decree for the Sale of the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk Road.

The Charleston News and Courier of yesterday afternoon Judge Simonson issued a decree for the sale of the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk railroad, which has been recently a suit was brought by the State Trust Company, of New York, against the railroad, and on March 10th, Judge Simonson appointed Mr. H. A. Whitman, of this city, receiver of the road.

Mr. Bellamy represents the bondholders of the plaintiff. It is the plaintiff's contention that there will be some lively bidding when the road is put up for sale. The railroad is owned by the Atlantic Coast Line. It is stated, also, that the property will be sold to the highest bidder, and that the road will be extended to other points.

Commencement at Davidson College. The Rev. J. B. Shearer, president of Davidson college sends us the following programme of the commencement exercises to be held next week:

Sunday, June 6th—[1] a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. J. M. O'Neil, D. D., of Alabama; 8 p. m., sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association, by Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., of South Carolina.

Monday, 7th—8 p. m., Senior Reception. Tuesday, 8th—11 a. m., Annual meeting of the board of trustees; 3 p. m., session of Literary Societies.

Wednesday, 9th—11 a. m., Address before the Literary Societies, by Hon. Matt. W. Ransom, of North Carolina, and Alumni Oration, by D. N. McLaughlin, of South Carolina; 5 p. m., Meeting of Alumni Association and Banquet; 8 p. m., Anniversary of Literary Societies.

Thursday, 10th—Commencement Day. Visitors will inquire for rates on the railroad lines within the states of North and South Carolina.

Assignment Upon Assignment. At 10:20 o'clock last night the assignment of Hollingsworth and Holland and R. M. Nimocks, was recorded at the court house. Mr. B. G. Hollingsworth is named as the assignee. The title reads:

An indenture by and between J. G. Hollingsworth and R. L. Holland, trading as Hollingsworth & Holland and R. M. Nimocks, assignee of Hollingsworth & Holland and R. M. Nimocks, trustee of Hollingsworth & Holland on the first part and B. G. Hollingsworth on the other.

This novel assignment was brought about by the failure of R. M. Nimocks, in whose name goods to replenish the stock of Hollingsworth & Holland were purchased. There are no preferred creditors, and the assignment is simply a statement that the parties have assigned to B. G. Hollingsworth, with a provision as to the homestead.

The old creditors and the assignee's creditors, is a question for the lawyers to decide.—Fayetteville Observer, 26th.

Charlotte's Twelfth Cotton Mill. Charlotte's twelfth cotton mill is now under construction. It is located on South Greenham street, and is the enterprise of Mr. A. C. Summerville, who formulated his plans several weeks ago. The new factory is located on land owned by Mr. Summerville, and to make room for it he had five tenement houses rolled away. It will be a brick building, 125 feet long by 60 feet wide, and the walls are now going up.

Mr. Summerville has already purchased his machinery and will have it in place and the factory in operation before July 1st. The opening of the mill is another step in the diversified mill industry of Charlotte.—Charlotte Observer, May 27th.

Rescued From a Receptiery. Washington, May 27.—The attempt to place the Old County Operative Work Company of Elizabethton, Tenn., (now the Watauga Land Company) in the hands of a receiver was defeated and the company's property has been saved and taken from the receiver through the efforts of ex-Secretary Carlisle, Senator Hammon, Judge McCone, P. T. Conway and James T. Dubois, who were consulted with the old company's attorney. When a receiver was threatened these gentlemen came forward, raised the necessary funds and have taken the company out of court and placed it on a solid footing.

HURRICANE WARNINGS.

A Special Signal Adopted by the Weather Bureau for Dangerous Storms Will Be Displayed on Fraying Pan Shoals Lightship.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1896.

For the purpose of giving warning of the approach of tropical hurricanes, and also those extremely severe and dangerous storms which sometimes pass across the Lake region and North Atlantic coast, the weather bureau has adopted a special signal, consisting of two red flags with other signals, which will be used.

No distinctive signal will be used. This signal will be displayed at the lightship on Fraying Pan Shoals, and at other points on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and also at other points on the coast.

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The Pitzer Murder Trial.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 27.—The features of the Pitzer murder trial today were the rolling out from the evidence admitted to the jury of the dying declaration of the murdered girl and of two dying statements made by her cousin, A. W. Pritz, and her uncle, J. A. Huau, both high in Cuban councils in this country. The state closed its evidence late this afternoon and the defence opened its case.

Carolina Beach SOUTHPORT SCHEDULE.

On and after May 29th Boat leaves Wilmington daily except Sunday at 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Leaves Southport at 1:20 and 6:00 p. m. Leave Sunday for Carolina Beach only at 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Leave Beach at 12:30 and 6:00 p. m. Connects with Yacht Undine at Harper's Pier. J. W. HARPER.

Grand - Concert Second Regiment Band.

Opera House at 8:30 P. M., Friday, May 28th. A MAGNIFICENT PROGRAMME: The Band will have the kind and valuable assistance of the best professional and amateur talent of the city. Price of admission—25 cents general, reserved seats 35 cents. The reserved seat sale opens at Gerken's on Thursday, May 27th.