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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

Our Boys in Charlotte.

By a long report in the Charlotte *Observer* we see that the Light Infantry were handsomely received on their arrival at Charlotte on Friday night by the Hornets' Nest Riflemen, who were at the C. C. Railway Depot when the train arrived. The address of welcome was made by Dr. Thomas J. Moore, a member of the city Board of Aldermen and present Senator from Mecklenburg, who alluded specially to the joyous occasion which took the Company to Charlotte, and to the ties of steel which bind the two sister cities together; and ended by welcoming them to the hospitalities of the city, stating that quarters had been prepared for them at the Central Hotel.

Capt. M. P. Taylor, commanding the Wilmington Light Infantry, then appeared in front of his command, and in a few appropriate remarks, gracefully spoken, returned the thanks of the Company for the courtesies shown them, and hoped to reciprocate at no distant day.

The W. L. I. then gave three cheers for Dr. Moore, for the city of Charlotte and for the Hornets' Nest Riflemen. The latter company in turn gave three cheers for the W. L. I.

The two companies, preceded by the Wilmington Cornet Band marched in double file to the Central Hotel. Arrived there, both companies disbanded. The remainder of the evening was spent in social converse in the hotel.

The Wilmington boys make a fine appearance and a more jolly or a cleverer set of fellows are not to be found anywhere. The small corps of "veterans" who accompanied them were the jolliest of the jolly. They have seen the rough part of the soldier's life and on this occasion they are determined to see the fun of it.

YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME.

Saturday's *Observer* says:

"At 6:30 this morning the two companies will proceed to the residence of Gov. Vance and escort him to the train which leaves at 7. The programme for the ceremonies at Raleigh when the train arrives there has not been agreed upon.

"The following are the names of the officers of the two military companies: Wilmington Light Infantry—M. P. Taylor, Captain; A. L. DeRosset, 1st Lt. N. H. Sprunt, 2d Lt.; J. I. McRae, Jr., 2d Lt.; Walter Coney, 1st St. J. G. Thomas, Surgeon.

"Hornet's Nest Riflemen—A. G. Breinzer, Captain; J. G. Harris, 1st, J. C. Lyles, 2d Lt.; J. G. Young, Jr., 2d Lt.; S. S. Peggam, O. S.; Dr. T. J. Moore, Rev. E. H. Harding, Chaplain."

A Story of Silver in the Olden Time.

We thought the ladies of New Orleans resorted to stratagems enough to keep their silver from Ben Butler and his hordes, but after the lapse of a century the experience of one of the ladies of New Hanover comes to light and exceeds anything of the kind we have ever heard of. Our information comes from a venerable lady of this city who heard the sufferer tell it in person. When St. Phillip's Church was burned by the British, the people of Brunswick were robbed of everything they had of value. Their silver—and our informant says many of the Cape Fear settlers had a great deal of handsome silver—was especially sought after. The lady was determined to save hers if possible. She collected the most valuable portion of it, put it in a bag, and stayed a whole day and night in a grave that had been dug in Old Brunswick Church-yard. Hearing loud talking from her sepulchral hiding-place, she gleaned from what was said that a boat was about to leave the nearest landing for Wilmington, touching at Orton on its way up the river. She left the grave, took up her bag of silver, and walked to Orton in time to take passage on the boat for this city. She saved her silver, and if any of the ladies who tell of marvellous escapes and uncomfortable adventures during the late unpleasantness, can beat this authentic story we would like to hear from them.

Off for the Inauguration.

Two of the drum corps and five of the W. L. I. left last night for Raleigh. This will be a fine addition to the company, which carried up only one drummer. A great many citizens also left with the squad. The Light Artillery will receive the Light Infantry on their return.

The *Star* is putting up a new power press.

A Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. Edward Kidder, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in Wilmington and permanent location here as a citizen, on Friday night. By invitation a number of friends, each of whom was over fifty years of age, assembled at Mr. Kidder's residence, at the corner of Third and Dock streets. The time was passed most pleasantly, and at 11 o'clock the guests partook of a sumptuous supper, at which Mr. Kidder presided with great grace, dignity and vivacity. He introduced the feast by a speech calling up some of his recollections of the old Wilmington, and mentioning the improvements that had been made since the day he first landed in the city. A number of responses were made, and the feast of reason and flow of soul were happily blended with attentions to the inner man.

Watch Night.

To-night, the congregations of the two Methodist Churches in this city will meet at the Front Street Church at half past nine o'clock, and will hold worship until after the New Year has begun. The communion of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Revs. J. E. Mann, J. T. Gibbs and J. W. Rhodes will officiate.

This old religious custom has been discontinued in this State for a number of years, and its revival now is attended with peculiar interest.

Old and New.

To-night the Old Year dies. As the hour of twelve arrives he will "wrap the mantle of his couch about him and lie down," not exactly as the poet hath it, "to pleasant dreams," but to everlasting oblivion with the years that were before the flood.

To-morrow the New Year comes. We have no sermon written for the occasion, and simply wish a happy New Year and many returns to all the readers of the CAPE FEAR. In the language of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one."

Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was observed at the signal office in this city, at 4:31 p. m.:

Augusta, 36; Charleston, 40; Galveston, 43; Jacksonville, 43; Mobile, 45; New Orleans, 38; Norfolk, 37; Savannah, 40; Wilmington, 37.

No Sunday Night Trains on the W. & W. R. R.

From and including to-day no night train will leave Wilmington on Sunday at 6:15 as formerly, and none will arrive at 12:30 in the day.

Produce Exchange.

We are requested by the Secretary to state that the members of the Exchange are expected to meet at the Exchange Rooms on Monday, the 1st of January, by invitation, to call on the President and Vice President.

Mortuary.

Only one person—a child—was interred in Oakdale Cemetery during the week ending yesterday.

Two children were buried at Pine Forest (colored) Cemetery.

Freshet.

The river had risen four feet at Fayetteville on Friday, the date of our latest advices. It was still rising. The late rains produced considerable freshets in all the up-country streams tributary to the Cape Fear.

Pender Court.

Court, which has been in session since Tuesday in Pender, has adjourned. Six prisoners were brought down by the sheriff yesterday and lodged in jail.

New Advertisements.

E. Jacobi—Hardware.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim—Opening of school.

Jan. D. Bellamy—Mortgagee's sale.

With the compliments of the Marshals we have received an invitation to attend the forty-second anniversary of Euzelian and Philomathesian Societies, at Wake Forest, to be held on February 16, 1877. Thanks and good wishes.

James Heaton was on the streets yesterday for the first time since he was shot. His pardon, about which there seems to have been some misunderstanding, was signed several days ago.

Rev. J. T. Gibbs will occupy the pulpit of the Fifth Street M. E. Church this morning. No service at night. The congregation will worship at the Front Street Church.

Only thirty carts in market last week.

Sunday Services.

Worship in the various churches of the city to-day as follows:

First Baptist, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. James M. Taylor pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m.

Second Baptist, on 6th between Church and Castle streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m.

Seaman's Bethel, on Dock between Front and Water streets. Rev. J. L. Keen, chaplain. Services at 11 a. m.

First Congregational, Services every Sunday in Academy Hall, corner of Seventh and Ninth streets, at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m.

St. Paul's (Episcopal), corner of Fourth and Orange streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m.

St. Thomas, Catholic, Dock street, between Second and Third streets. Morning Services at 11 o'clock. Evening Prayer at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 4 p. m.

St. John's, corner of Third and West Cross streets. Rev. George Patterson pastor. Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock. Evening Prayer at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 4 p. m.

St. Thomas, Catholic, Dock street, between Second and Third streets. Morning Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday School at 4 p. m.

Front Street M. E. (South), corner of Front and Walnut streets. Rev. J. E. Mann pastor. Service every Sabbath at 11 a. m. Watch meeting, commencing at 9 p. m. Sabbath School at 9 1/2 a. m.

Fifth Street Methodist E. (South), situated on Fifth, between Ninth and Church streets. Rev. J. M. Rhodes pastor. Services at 11 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 1/2 a. m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, corner of Sixth and Market streets. Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. German service at 11 a. m.; English service at 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Christian Association at 4 p. m.

First Presbyterian, corner Third and Orange streets. Rev. Jos. R. Wilson, D. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sabbath School exercises at 3 o'clock p. m.

Second Presbyterian, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets. Rev. C. M. Payne pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sabbath School and Bible Class at 3 p. m. Seats free.

They will be a monthly meeting of the visitors belonging to the Ladies' Benevolent Association, at the Hook and Ladder Hall, next Tuesday at 5 o'clock, p. m.

A policeman having been found asleep on his beat, Friday night, was suspended from duty. He afterward resigned.

One hundred and twelve animals were slaughtered for the city market last week.

A bale of cotton only four feet two inches long, two feet two inches thick.

Postal Hours.

The mails close at the City Post-Office as follows:

Northern through mails 5:30 P. M.

Northern through and way mails, daily 7:00 A. M.

Mails for the N. C. Railroad, daily, and routes supplied therefrom, at 8:30 P. M.

Southern mails for all points, South, daily 7:00 P. M.

Western mails C. C. Ry., daily, 9:30 A. M.

Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays, 1:00 P. M.

Fayetteville, C. C. Ry., 6:30 A. M., daily, (except Sundays).

Onslow C. H. and intermediate state offices, every Friday, at 4:30 A. M.

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Northern through mails 12:45 P. M.

Northern through & way mails 8:00 P. M.

The Smithville mails, by steamboat, close at 8 A. M., daily, except Sundays.

Mails for East Hill, Town Creek, Supply and Shallotte, every Friday at 6 A. M.

Mails delivered from 4 A. M. to 9:30 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5:00 P. M. Money order and Register Departments open same as Stamp Office.

Stamps for sale at general delivery when Stamp Office is closed.

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Wilmington District.

NORTH CAROLINA CONVENTION—FIRST ROUND OF APPOINTMENTS FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS MADE BY THE PRESIDING ELDER, REV. W. S. BLACK, FOR THE PRESENT CONFERENCE YEAR.

Magnolia, at Magnolia, Dec. 30, 31

Quislow, at Lebanon, Jan. 6, 7

Whitesville, at Wagramaw Mills, Jan. 13, 14

Blades, at Deepwater Chapel, Jan. 20, 21

Elizabeth, at Elizabeth, Jan. 27, 28

Wilmington, Front Street, Feb. 3, 4

Smithville, at Zion, Feb. 10, 11

Clinton, at Clinton, Feb. 17, 18

Topsall, at Union, Feb. 24, 25

Cokebury and Coharie Miss., Feb. 24, 25

Mar. 3, 4

Hamoville, at Hamoville, Mar. 10, 11

Steward's meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Front Street Church, W.ilmington, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Feb. 5.

REPUBLICANS WEAKENING.

Peaceful and Fair Settlement More Probable

From the *Herald's* Washington Telegrams of Tuesday.

There are constantly increasing evidences that the unfair and intolerant spirit of the extreme partisan Republicans here causes a growing discontent in the party in both houses. Pretty much all the Republican members and Senators came here at the beginning of the session firmly believing that Governor Hayes was fairly elected, and very properly determined to have him inaugurated. When they were told that the Democrats would resist this and that to make it sure it was necessary that the Vice President should count the vote, they very readily acquiesced in this also, because they were led to regard that not as a constitutional but as simply a party question. Gradually, however, many in both houses have been led to entertain doubts whether Governor Hayes did really carry the three disputed States, and as they are hoping that this causes them to wait for further facts. Meantime they have been led to investigate the precedents concerning the count of the electoral votes, and here again they are staggered by the discovery that it has been always held, and by the most distinguished men of both houses, from Chief Justice Marshall down to Clay, Seward, Douglas and many others, and by the whole Republican party in three electoral counts, that the houses are to "examine" the votes and that, with the exception of less than half a dozen men, no one has ever asserted that the Vice President had the right to count and determine it. Under these circumstances a considerable number of Republicans are waiting to see what the Southern committees shall report and what debate shall show to be the constitutional method of determining the vote. They would like to see their candidate inaugurated, but they want to be certain that he is elected, and friendly conversation with leading Democrats has convinced them that these, too, only desire fair play and an honest count and that there is no such factious spirit as they looked for when they came here. There are, of course, a few bitter partisans on both sides who lose no opportunity to try to stir up bad blood, but they are with less and less success. This was conspicuously seen yesterday when the reading of a petition to Congress from citizens of Cincinnati sent to Speaker Randall was bitterly opposed by General Garfield and Mr. Frye, who managed to drag in the Southern question and go over it at considerable length. Their efforts had but little sympathy on their own side and they were at last called to order by a Republican, Mr. Chittenden, who remarked that the petition ought to be read, that more were coming and that the people had a right to be heard by their representatives. On the final motion that the petition be read there was scarcely an objection.

There is but little doubt that the joint committee will be able to agree upon a method of examining the electoral vote as they have agreed in all previous elections except one. Mr. Morton is understood to say that there will be an agreement, and a strong desire is felt here that the House committee in the disputed States shall be able to make unanimous reports concerning the votes down there. It is safe to say that if they do these reports will be accepted by the majority of Republicans if they shall report against Mr. Hayes and by the majority of Democrats if the report is adverse to Mr. Tilden, no matter what efforts extremists may make to the contrary.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Ex-Senator Nye is dead.

California farmers are complaining of dry, warm weather.

Gold guineas (worth 21s.) and half-guineas were in circulation in England many years. The sovereign (20s.) is now the large standard coin.

The growth of Protestantism in Palestine is rapid. There are now 250 Protestant churches in the Holy Land, and the schools there have 7,000 pupils.

The Speaker of the House has caused a subpoena to issue against Mr. Orton to appear forthwith before Mr. Morrison's investigating committee at New Orleans with the required telegrams.

Senator Conkling has been appointed on the Senate committee on arranging a plan for counting the electoral vote, in place of Senator Logan declined. Conkling believes that a peaceful solution of difficulties is possible.

Simon Cameron has made his appearance in a new character. The negroes of Hilton Head S. C. have named a chapel in his honor "Saint Simon's Chapel." Mr. Cameron paid most of the money for building it; hence the canonization.

A Washington correspondent of the *New York Sun* says that Mrs. Grant is opposed to Hayes' inauguration, believing Tilden to have been elected, and that she is changing the President. The *Sun's* man also says that nine Republican Senators will go against the conspiracy to save Hayes any how.

The Democratic Governor-elect of Florida, Hon. Geo. F. Drew, will be inaugurated in Tallahassee on Tuesday, January 2. The occasion will be made one to be remembered, and invitations are now being sent out inviting the people from every part of the State and Union to be present.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. PAUL'S FEMALE SEMINARY.

THE EXERCISES OF THIS INSTITUTION will be resumed on TUESDAY, JANUARY 2d. Our patrons are earnestly requested to send their children punctually on the above-mentioned day, as it is chiefly for their own benefit to do so. For further particulars inquire of Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM, Principal. Dec. 31-21

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