

DISCUSS SENDING OF XMAS PACKAGES

Chairmen For Various Committees Named—Red Cross Society Met Today.

Chief among the matters discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Red Cross Society...

Mrs. L. Bluenthal was appointed chairman of the committee to prepare the boxes. Packages to go in the boxes will be received by the committee...

It is suggested that some of the following articles be placed in the packages which will contain a pad of paper, pencil and envelopes; a pipe or cigarette papers and four packages of tobacco...

Of the other important matters transacted at the meeting was the appointment of Miss Lilly Brown to draft resolutions protesting against the embargo which is now being enforced by the Allies...

Mrs. W. B. Cooper has been appointed chairman of the committee which will prepare Christmas gifts for the patients of the Red Cross Sanitarium.

Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, Miss Lilly Brown and Miss Emily Bridgers were named as the nominating committee to present the names of those to be balloted upon as officers for next year at the meeting in January.

MANY TOOK EXAMINATIONS.

Ladies and Men Are Desirous of Entering Government Service.

Four times the ordinary number of persons took the civil service examinations that were given at the post-office building on Monday of this week, according to Mr. John Doscher, local secretary for the United States Civil Service Commission.

SENATOR COOPER INTERVIEWED.

Wilmington Man Talks Interestingly of Conditions Over State.

The following interview with Senator W. B. Cooper, of this city, appeared in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer:

"Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, was a visitor in Raleigh yesterday. Mr. Cooper is connected with a string of banks in the south and east of the State, and his trip brought him to the towns where they are located. Reaching out to the southeast from Raleigh is a territory which escaped the bad weather of last summer and in those counties Mr. Cooper says the cotton crop is turning out to the full measure, if not bigger than usual. As a result the high price of lint is bringing money in a way that is astonishing the farmers, the bankers and everybody. In one town he tells of a darkey who brought his cotton in a couple of days ago and was grieved because of the size of the roll it commanded. 'for,' he argued, 'only one quait in fifteen days, wha' I gwine depa't m' all dat money?'"

HOME PROBABLY ROBBED.

Mr. Grainger Found House Open Last Night—Articles Missed.

Mr. J. V. Grainger, vice president of the Murchison National Bank, reported to the police last night, that some one had probably robbed his home, No. 813 Market street, as during the absence of he and his family during the early part of the evening some one had entered his residence and left the door open when they left. Mr. Grainger was of the opinion that it was some that had secreted themselves in the house as there was no signs of a break-in. It is thought that some linen was stolen.

I suppose you can spell all of the short words, Bobbie?

I can spell a lot of big ones. I can even spell words of four cylinders.

Exchange.

FINDING HOMES FOR DELEGATES

Wilmington Methodists Also Preparing to Attend The Durham Conference.

While the Methodists of this city are preparing for the conference which is to be held in the Memorial Methodist church at Durham, December 6-11, inclusive, arrangements are going steadily on in the tobacco town and elaborate plans are being made for the entertainment of the visiting delegates.

Canvass among members of Methodist churches of this city for the purpose of arranging for entertainment for the 400 delegates that are expected to attend the North Carolina Methodist conference in this city December 6-11, was being conducted Monday afternoon by committees in charge of entertainment.

The canvass will be conducted systematically of every Methodist home in the city by the various committees, representing every church of that denomination in the city and East and West Durham, according to Rev. H. M. North, of Memorial church, and chairman of the central committee.

Many members of other churches of the city have already offered to provide entertainment for numbers of the delegates, according to Rev. Mr. North.

At least 400 delegates will have to be placed in Durham homes and possibly a larger number. Several of the church committees were visiting homes throughout the city Monday afternoon. The canvass will continue throughout the week.

The annual conference of the Methodist church in this State will convene on Wednesday, December 6, at the Memorial church of Durham and will remain in session through December 11. All sessions will be held at Memorial church and on Sunday, December 3, all Methodist pulpits of the city will be filled by visiting ministers.

Program for the conference is now in the hands of the program committee, which expects to complete its work within the next week. The program will include addresses by some of the most prominent ministers and laymen of the Methodist church, say those in charge.

"NOBODY HOME" FINE

Show Must Be Classed Among The Best Here This Season.

"Nobody Home," yesterday's attraction at the Academy of Music, delighted two audiences and left the theatre-going public of Wilmington in a very happy frame of mind. While the show would not compare in some respects with other musical comedies that have been staged here, the dancing and the comedy was of an unusually high order and more than atoned for the lack of really good voices. The chorus was composed of comely young women who were both graceful and vivacious and the ensemble work was very good. The evening production was well attended and the applause rang genuine. "Nobody Home" must be classed with the best that has been offered here this season.

The work of Mr. Charles McNaughton, as "Freddy Popple," an uncouth English country lad, and that of Miss Zoe Barnett, as "Tony" Miller, prima donna at the Winter Garden, overshadowed the efforts of the lesser satellites. However, the work of Lew Christy is deserving of mention, for his role was a particularly hard one.

The dances by Mr. Joseph C. Hess and Miss Gertrude Bennett were in a class to themselves and the crowd appeared determined to wear them out. Mr. Hess and Miss Bennett responded to the numerous encores which were almost compelling and delighted in a way local theatre patrons have seldom been delighted.

COLLEGE TRAPSHOOT TO BE HELD SATURDAY.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 23.—The Yale-Harvard football battle and the intercollegiate cross-country championship will not be the only attractions that will serve to fasten the attention of followers of college athletics and sports on New Haven this Saturday. On the same day that the gridiron warriors of the two big universities meet in the "Bowl" and the harriers of all the prominent Eastern colleges contest over hill and dale, tears representing Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth and Cornell will exchange shots here to determine the 1916 intercollegiate trapshooting championship. The shoot, which is an annual event, will be held at the grounds of the New Haven Gun Club. A five-men team from each college will shoot a 100-bird program.

Intercollegiate shoots have been held intermittently since 1898, although not until last year with the formation of the Intercollegiate Trapshooting Association has the sport been put upon a firm basis. There have been twenty-five intercollegiate shoots, of which number Yale has won thirteen first places, while Princeton and Harvard have each won the championship six times.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Thompson, of Whiteville, spent yesterday in the city, Orton Hotel guests.

TRAMP CREWS ARE HARD TO SECURE

Italian Freighter Was Forced to Sail From Here With Part Colored Crew.

One of the gravest questions now confronting shippers of trans-Atlantic freighters is the shipping of crews. This fact has been forcibly demonstrated of late in this port and only yesterday two young men who appeared in Recorder's court on a charge of vagrancy were allowed to go when they told the court they intended shipping on the Pennsylvania which has been docked at the Coast Line terminals since Saturday at noon. The court's action is proof sufficient that the civil authorities understand the situation and are willing to render all assistance possible.

The visit of an Italian tramp to this port recently furnishes the body for this story and shows conclusively that the skipper of today is facing a situation that is almost unparalleled in maritime history. It was necessary to sign five men before this Italian freighter could sail from Norfolk for this port and a Norfolk shipping master agreed to supply these men for \$15 each. Because there was no other way of getting the men the price was paid and then it became necessary to advance each man \$15 each, making an outlay of \$150, the master of the tramp was forced to put up. The freighter sailed from Norfolk and docked at this port shortly afterwards. Five of the crew immediately deserted and an effort was made to sign men here to replace them, but because shipping masters in this port have died out the skipper's efforts met with no success and he was obliged to telegraph his agent in Norfolk to send an additional five men to replace the deserters.

The Norfolk master agreed to send the men for the same consideration the others had been secured for and again the master of the vessel was forced to pay out good money for something he understood full well he might never receive or if he received be unable to keep. The five men arrived per schedule, but three additional members of the crew deserted in the meantime and as a last resort the skipper shipped three Wilmington negroes. The freighter cleared from this port and sailed with her ill-assorted crew and nothing more has been heard of her.

The freighter recently purchased by the Sprunt interests of this city was unable to sail from New York as she had hoped to, because of trouble in shipping a crew, according to reports here, and this is another example of the trouble the skipper of today is experiencing. It was understood that the Sprunt steamer intended sailing Saturday but report has it this morning that she was unable to get away until Tuesday.

Very little shanghaiing, if any, is engaged in in this enlightened age, yet river-front men, who are versed in maritime matters, are of the opinion that if conditions become any worse than at present it will be necessary to revert to the old time way of securing crews or tie up some of the finest ocean-going freighters in the service.

MOTORIST AGAIN FEATURED COURT

Nine Defendants Charged With Violating Driving Law—Nolo Contendere.

Old man nolo contendere held sway in Recorder's Court this morning, as a review of violators of the driving ordinance slowly passed before the bench of justice and were dealt with firmly but lightly. The plea of nolo contendere became quite popular in a very short period of time and with the exception of one case every plea made was of this nature. The defendant who did not care to plead as the others thought so little of his summons that he neglected to show up and failed to answer when his name was called. For the benefit of the uninitiated a plea of nolo contendere means, "I am innocent but am unable to prove it."

The session was made lengthy and the docket heavy because the officers succeeded in rounding up a goodly number of persons, black and white, who have not complied with a city ordinance which says automobile headlights shall be dimmed to a certain extent. All defendants got off lightly because cases of this nature have not been pushed in the past, but as Councilman J. M. Hall, commissioner in charge of the Police Department, remarked this morning, "they may as well make up their minds to observe this ordinance, as the Police Department and courts are determined to enforce it."

No less than nine defendants were arraigned on this charge and all entered pleas of nolo contendere and were allowed to go without even paying the cost, but if arraigned a second time on a similar charge it is not thought that the court will be so lenient.

The following were arraigned on this charge and were allowed to go their way after being warned: A. C. Craft, J. L. Edge, J. S. Brown, H. C. Roseau, all white. The colored defendants were: Frank Suggs, Willis McGee, Fred Singletary, Frank Meares and Sandy Allen. The last named failed to answer when he was called.

The case charging Leges Meyer, with violating the ordinance, was continued until Monday morning.

MISS ADAMS TONIGHT.

Few General Admission Tickets Left. Standing Room Will Be Sold.

"The Little Minister," starring Miss Maude Adams, tonight's attraction at the Academy of Music, will be attended by all who can possibly crowd into the theatre and indications are that standing room will be at par. It is still possible to purchase general admission tickets, but it will be necessary to reach the theatre early if one cares to see America's most famous actress without standing.

The entire lower floor was sold out a few hours after tickets went on sale and many who arrived too late to secure vantage seats were disappointed, but so anxious are all to see Miss Adams that chairs that remain vacant during the ordinary show were eagerly taken by the less fortunate ones. Miss Adams will be at the Academy this evening and Wilmington will be there to see her.

BANKS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Wilmington is the financial center and clearing house for the Carolinas. The local institutions have direct dealings with almost every bank in the two States. The banking institutions of this city are all strong and able to finance any legitimate business needs of the community. Below is given a comparison of the increase of the banking business in Wilmington for eight years, which shows that the capital and surplus of the Wilmington banks have increased practically one million dollars, while for the same period the deposits have increased approximately four and one-half million dollars.

Table with columns: STATEMENT FOR 1908, STATEMENT FOR 1916, Capital and Surplus, Deposits. Lists banks like Murchison National Bank, Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, etc.

Increase in eight years ... \$ 933,967.87 \$4,427,329.56

—From Wilmington Chamber of Commerce "Bulletin."

WILSON EXPECTED TO PLAY BIG PART

Lieut. Salaman of British Royal Field Artillery Is In The City.

"I expect President Wilson to accomplish much towards bringing to an end the gigantic European conflict within the next twelve months."

The speaker was Lieut. W. C. Salaman, of the British Royal Field Artillery, one of the most interesting visitors to Wilmington in recent months, who spent last night and this morning in the city, a guest at the Orton hotel. Lieutenant Salaman has recently returned from France, after receiving severe internal injuries from shell-shock on the Somme battle front, which secured him an honorable discharge from active service.

"Among the fellows in the trenches," continued Lieut. Salaman, "there is an abiding faith in the greatness and wisdom of the President of the United States, and of his absolute fair-mindedness in dealing with international matters. Until I came to America I really had the impression that your President was even more highly honored among the Allied nations than in his own country, but since witnessing your Presidential election my views have been somewhat altered."

"I believe, too, that this attitude is rapidly displacing the former suspicion of Mr. Wilson which existed in Germany, from my conversations with prisoners of war in France, and I believe it is now only a matter of time until the entire civilized world will be ready to sit up and take notice when President Wilson speaks, and will have absolute confidence in his every move."

Lieutenant Salaman has a father-in-law who is a United States consul, holding an important diplomatic post. He carries with him several very interesting documents relating to his war service, including autographs of King Edward VII and King George V, together with the mud-stained label

TEST ALL MILK.

New Tuberculosis Test is to be Put Into Use at Early Date.

A new apparatus is to be installed in the early future for testing all milk that is handled by the central milk station that is to be conducted by Mr. A. G. Warren, Second street ice cream manufacturer, according to Dr. Charles T. Nesbit, county health officer. The tests will be made semi-weekly, on Mondays and Saturdays.

A new tuberculosis test for cattle is to shortly be inaugurated, according to Dr. Nesbitt. The test is known as the interdermal test and is said to be more satisfactory than the thermal test now in use. The risk the consumer is now subjected to will be entirely eliminated with the inauguration of the new method.

GOOD GAME TONIGHT.

A rattling good game of basketball will be staged this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, in the Brotherhood gymnasium when the Leopards, an independent organization, will clash with a team composed of members of the Junior Brotherhood. No admission will be charged and members of both contingents are very anxious that a big crowd assemble to witness the game.

DOLLAR FOUNTAIN SYRINGES THIS WEEK 88 CENTS ONLY. We have bought heavily of Syringes and at the figure named above you can get on excellent Syringe—something that every family needs. Phone us for one of them, or any other drug store item. JAMES M. HALL, Druggists, 5th and Castle Streets. Phones 192 and 193.

Special For a Few Days 12 Cans Bear Brand Asparagus, \$1.48 Value \$1.80. Thomas Grocery Company Phone, 294 4th and Campbell Streets.

Bon Marche Friday and Saturday Specials For Economical Women Known Values For Your Consideration-- Save Friday and Saturday at The Big Store, Just Across From The Post Office Children's Dresses 31.25 Gingha mDresses, checks, stripes and solid colors, pretty styles, colors guaranteed fast, sizes 6 to 14, special at89c 59c Children's Dresses in pinks, blues and greens, plain and in checks and stripes, sizes 2 to 6, special at49c Wash Goods Section 12 1-2c Outings in all wanted colors, nice for underwear, gowns, etc., 27-in. wide, special for two days, at yard8c 18c William Anderson's Ginghams, 32-in. wide, in stripes only, warranted fast colors, very special for two days, at yard . . . 12 1-2c Blankets and Comforts \$2.50 Comforts filled with white cotton, full size, no skipping, very special at . . . \$1.98 \$2.50 Blankets, all cotton, good grade, full size, very special at \$1.98 Mail Orders Filled Promptly and Accurately Kid Gloves \$1.25 Odd lot of Kid Gloves, either small or large sizes; broken assortment, while they last for89c Maids' Aprons 25c lot of maids, nurses and kitchen aprons, made with or without bibs, small and large sizes, very special for two days at . . . 19c Ladies' Knit Underwear 25c Odd lot of knit underwear, separate garments and vests, broken sizes, special for two days, at19c Silk Waists This Friday and Saturday in the Read-to-Wear Department we are featuring silk waists at greatly reduced prices. The Wilmington women have found these Friday and Saturday sales to be very especial occasions when they could buy good things under-price. You will want one of these waists. \$2.50 Silk Waists in tub silks, crepe de chine and other materials, special at \$1.98 \$4.00 and \$4.50 Crepe de Chine Waists in white, flesh and colors, specially priced for Friday and Saturday \$2.98 Specials in Laces Val. Filet and Torchorn Laces, also beading and beading top, very special for two days, at yard.5c Metal Trimmings \$3.50 and \$3.75 Metal Flouncings in green, blue and grey, special for two days at yd \$2.79 50c Narrow Spangle trimming, resembles fish scales, high lustre, special at yard. . . 39c Ready-Made Veils Up to \$1.00 lot of Veils, some with large designs, others with spangle borders, attractive value, only a limited quantity to offer, at each39c