

SOCIETY

WHATEVER IS—IS BEST.

know as my life grows older
and mine eyes have better sight
but under each rank wrong, some-
where,
there lies the root of Right.
That each sorrow has its purpose
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morn-
ing—
Whatever is—is best!

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime, punished
The hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest
And to grow means often to suffer—
But whatever is—is best!

I know there are no errors
In the Great Eternal Plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man.
And I know when my soul speeds on-
ward
In its grand Eternal quest
I shall say as I look back earthward
Whatever is—is best!

—By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Mrs. C. L. Patterson returned to Raleigh yesterday after a pleasant stay in the city with friends.

Miss Ruth Little, of Warsaw, spent yesterday in the city with friends, returning to her home in the early evening.

Miss Annie N. Smith has returned to the city after spending several weeks in New York City, visiting friends.

Mrs. T. E. Davis, with her sons, Messrs. Herbert C. and T. E. Davis, Jr., are visiting friends in Asheville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Crump have as their guest for a few days their son, Corporal E. LeRoy Crump, of Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters and Sons will meet at the home of Mrs. C. J. Kelloway, No. 1610 Chestnut street, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Mergent Missionary Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will meet on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance of the members is requested.

Mrs. Raymond Weyman left Saturday afternoon for St. Petersburg, Fla., for a visit of several weeks with her parents. She was accompanied as far as Jacksonville by Mr. Weyman.

The regular monthly meeting of the Herzl Zion Club will be held at the Bnai Israel synagogue this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are invited to attend. Those desiring to join are also welcome.

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held on Tuesday evening at the Hemenway school building. Previous to that time those who have not paid their annual dues are requested to do so.

Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, formerly health officer for New Hanover county, and now doing health work in Akron, O., is spending the week-end here with Mrs. Nesbitt and children. Dr. Nesbitt has been in Washington on business for the past few days and took advantage of the opportunity presented to run down for a couple of days.

The Junior Red Cross Auxiliary of St. Paul's church will present an attractive entertainment on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hinton, beginning at 8 o'clock. There are a large number of children engaged in preparing for the performance and they are manifesting the keenest sort of interest in its approaching presentation. There will be pretty play, in which will be shown the children from the different nations of the world, and several attractive musical numbers. A small admission charge will be made, the proceeds being for the benefit of the organization.

ENTERAIN SOLDIERS.
Between 40 and 50 ladies of the Y. W. C. A. assisted in the entertainment of the soldier boys from Fort Caswell at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:30 o'clock. More than 150 of the boys in khaki availed themselves of the hospitality which was displayed in the serving of dainty refreshments.

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SUPERIOR COURT NEXT WEEK FOR CIVIL TERM

Calendar Arranged by the Bar for the Two Weeks of Court

Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will convene on Monday, February 4th, with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, presiding.

At a meeting of the bar held last Friday the following cases were set on the calendar:

Monday, February 4.
John F. McVeigh vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.; Sam Blossom vs. W. G. Baldwin; American National Bank vs. Savannah Trust Co.; S. Behrends vs. D. L. Gore et al.; Ellington & Guy vs. J. J. Knox; American National Bank vs. Henderson Cole; Southern National Bank vs. K. C. Sidbury; Z. W. Whitehead vs. Auto Trading Co. et al.; Sarah J. Russ vs. Prince Smith.

Tuesday, February 5.
Champion Shoe Machinery Co. vs. Houston & Son; C. N. Hocutt vs. James Smith; J. D. Hawkins vs. Wilmington Coca Cola Bottling Works; Southern Oil and Ink Co. vs. Legwin Printing Co.; M. J. Carson vs. Alex. S. Yeager; L. A. Martin vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.; G. D. Connes vs. Mary Macon.

Wednesday, Feb. 6.
Georgia Bizzell et al. vs. W. Sidbury et al.; City of Wilmington vs. Lillian Sholar; Amelia Cotton et al. vs. Amelia Shaw et al.; Murray Transfer Co. vs. Tidewater Power Co.; J. N. Bryant vs. R. R. Stone et al.; Frank Benton vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.; Orange Drip Co. vs. B. A. Merritt; City of Wilmington vs. Dena Gore et al.; Cooper Guano Co., Inc. vs. E. J. Godwin et al.

Thursday, Feb. 7.
Corbett Auto Co. vs. S. W. Powell; W. L. Robbins vs. S. A. L. Railway Co.; Southern National Bank vs. A. D. O'Brien et al.; J. N. Bryant vs. W. D. Wackney, Sr.; DeLuca & Holt Logging Co. vs. Surry Parker.

Friday, Feb. 8.
E. C. Besseliou et al. receivers, vs. C. C. Brown et al.; Jordan Nixon vs. G. C. Youman and James S. Youman; Zora Sneedee vs. Wise Merrick; Royal Chair Co. vs. Sterch-Bancroft Co.

Saturday, Feb. 9.
John B. Leathmus vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co. and Murray Transfer Co.; Emma T. Powers vs. City of Wilmington; Greston Steamship Co., Limited, vs. Alex Sprunt and Son; Elston Steamship Co. vs. Alex Sprunt & Son; Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. vs. Mary Faystone et al.; The White Co., Inc. vs. Murray Transfer Co.; V. Sidbury vs. C. W. Bonham.

Monday, Feb. 11.
J. F. Diggs vs. L. P. Matthews and George L. Farmer; Estelle Johnson vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.; Rebecca Johnson vs. Alex Johnson; Lena Gallagher vs. Jefferson Zanthos; Clear Creek Coal Co. vs. B. A. Merritt; City of Wilmington vs. Wilmington Marine Co.; James Darby vs. Josh Moore.

Tuesday, Feb. 12.
Miles F. Burler vs. R. L. Burton; Regal Gas Engine Co. vs. Swift Fertilizer Works; J. G. Wright & Son vs. L. L. Shepard; Carolina Metal Products Co. vs. Owen Martindale.

Wednesday, Feb. 13.
J. R. Kennedy vs. B. H. Sanders; Montie M. Weatherspoon vs. J. S. Weatherspoon; Haywood Wilson et al. vs. Robert L. Wiggins et al.

DEATH OF MRS. HANSLEY.
Passed Away at Her Home on Third Street Late Friday Night.

Mrs. Pearl Hansley wife of Policeman William Hansley, died at her home on North Third street, Friday night at 10:30 o'clock, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Hansley was about 25 years old. Besides her husband, she leaves two small children, Beatrice and Addie, aged 6 and 3, respectively. She was a Christian woman of the highest type, and will be sadly missed by her friends.

The funeral will be conducted this morning at 9 o'clock from the late residence by Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church. Interment will be at Sturgeon Creek near Castle Hayne.

With Goldsboro Masons.
Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 26.—Goldsboro Lodge No. 624, A. F. & A. M., will have the installation of officers in their lodge room next Monday night. Visitors from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be present for the ceremony, preceding which they will be entertained at a banquet given in their honor by the local lodge, which will be in charge of a committee of Goldsboro women.

DANCE WELL ATTENDED.
Last night's regular weekly dance for enlisted men at Hibernian Hall was well attended and dancing was enjoyed from early until late in the evening. Many civilians were also in attendance.

TURPENTINE STILL AND WAREHOUSE AT SHALLOTTE BURNED

Heavy Loss Entailed By an Early Morning Fire

WILMINGTON MAN ONE OF OWNERS

Mystery Surrounds Origin of Fire That Completely Wiped Out Plant Wednesday

Mr. J. W. Brooks, of this city, has received information of the destruction by fire on Wednesday morning of the large warehouse and turpentine distillery of the Shallotte Trading Company, at Shallotte, Brunswick county. Mr. Brooks is one of the principal owners of the company.

The fire is said to have been discovered about 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and when discovered was burning fiercely, having gained such headway that efforts to control the flames were all in vain. A quantity of tar on the yard of the plant was saved, but the plant itself and the warehouse and its contents were completely wiped out.

Stored in the warehouse ready for shipment were 32 bales of cotton and about 1,200 bushels of cotton seed. Besides this was a quantity of other freight and merchandise. After the fire some of the burning cotton was torn off the bales, and a portion saved, and part of the seed was saved that can be utilized as fertilizer.

The turpentine distillery, together with a number of barrels of crude turpentine, spirits and rosin, was a total loss. The distillery was operated the day before the fire, and the fire may have originated from it. Yet it is stated that the operator states positively that there was no fire left about the premises, and there is a chance that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The loss is placed at approximately \$8,000, with no insurance. The principal owners of the Shallotte Trading Company are Mr. W. L. Swain and Mr. D. G. Hewlett, of Shallotte, and Mr. J. W. Brooks, of Wilmington.

CHANGE IN FORM CITY GOVERNMENT IS ASKED

Special Election is Circulated

That the voters of Wilmington will soon have an opportunity to cast their ballots for a change in the form of their municipal government was indicated Saturday when former Councilman T. W. Wood announced that he had for some time been busy with the preparation of a petition looking to the adoption of Plan C as provided by the General Assembly of North Carolina at its last session.

Twenty-five per cent. of the registered voters are necessary in order that the petition may be entertained. Mr. Wood will present his petition some time next week. It will be referred to the Board of Elections, who will have ten days in which to pass on it. If the petition is approved, the election will be called within 30 days thereafter. An effort will be made to have the election held on the same day as the county primary, which is on Tuesday, March 19. This would save much time and expense, and a movement of this sort will no doubt meet with favor.

Plan C provides for a mayor and two councilmen, thus placing responsibility in a few hands. The same plan has been adopted by Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro and Raleigh in this State. The new plan is said to be working excellently and a great saving is said to have been made since its adoption by the cities named. Richmond and Norfolk have also adopted a similar plan and the results are said to have fully justified the hopes of its proponents.

The New York Bureau of Municipal Research has made an exhaustive study of the mayor and small council plan and is lavish in its recommendation of the system. In connection with its recommendation that the administrative board be abolished the bureau says that whatever advantages there may be in having the judgment of a group of minds can be secured by constituting the heads of two or three departments as a cabinet.

The report of the New York bureau goes on to say: "It is the experience of government throughout the world and also of commercial enterprises that progress and success demand the centralization of executive authority in a single official. Therefore it is recommended that the entire structural organization of city government be revamped by adopting a new charter so as to centralize in the mayor both authority and responsibility for the management of all the administrative departments."

"The charter should limit the council strictly to matters of legislation

You Would Have Only 3 More Days of This Wonderful White Sale

Were it not for the fact that so many of our patrons have particularly requested that we "carry on"—as our English cousins say—through the first of the month. We positively do not charge to any one, and this extension is made to accommodate those whose requests were based upon "pay trains" arrivals.

We hope, for your benefit, that you will not let this opportunity slip. All the White Goods offered in this sale are priced to you at just about what they cost at the mills today. When the supply is exhausted you'll surely have to pay much more.

Please Note These Prices

36-inch White Linen, 25c value.....	16 1/2c	72x90 crinkle sanitary bed spread.....	\$1.50
36-inch White Nurses Cloth.....	25c	81x90 crinkle sanitary bed spread.....	\$1.75
46-inch White Heavy Linen Skirting, \$1.00 value.....	89c	56-inch table Damask, 25c value.....	25c
36-inch White Wash Corduroy Fast Pile.....	69c	72-inch Mercerized Damask, \$1.00 value.....	75c
36-inch White Heavy Fancy Basket Cloth for skirts.....	79c	72-inch, all pure linen, \$1.75 value.....	\$1.40
40-inch White Linaire.....	29c	18-inch mercerized table napkins hemmed, \$1.25 value, per doz.....	\$1.10
36-inch White Heavy Pluget Skirting.....	48c	15-inch mercerized table napkins hemmed, \$1.00 value, per doz.....	95c
36-inch White Heavy Quality Wash Satin for skirts.....	85c	20-inch mercerized table napkins hemmed, \$1.50 value, per doz.....	\$1.30
Colonial Nainsook, per bolt.....	\$2.19	20x36 Turkish bath towel, bleached.....	1.00
1908 Fine Quality Nainsook, per bolt.....	\$2.67	22x40 Heavy bath towel, bleached.....	1.25
1908 Fine Quality Nainsook, per bolt.....	\$2.95	20x36 very heavy fancy border bath towel.....	1.50
81x90 Fine Quality welded sheet.....	79c	18-inch bleached huck toweling, 25c value.....	20c
81x90 New Era Seamless sheet, \$1.50 value.....	\$1.13	36-inch unbleached sheeting, medium weight, at.....	15c
81x90 Best Quality "Wear Well" sheet.....	\$1.39	36-inch crystal sheeting, medium weight, a.....	13 1/2c
36x45 Linen Pillow case.....	23c	36-inch cambric finished bleached muslin.....	15c
10-yard bolt 27-inch, good quality diaper cloth.....	\$1.49	90-inch linen sheeting, \$1.25 value.....	95c



White Sale Belk-Williams Co. Through Feb. 2 by Request

and thus prevent a recurrence of the former practice of usurping administrative functions."

BOYS' LEAGUE TODAY.
Mr. Hinnant Will Make Address and There Will Be Music.
At the meeting of the Boys' League

this afternoon Mr. Odis B. Hinnant will deliver his lecture on "A Challenge to Power." This is the third of a series of lectures delivered by Mr. Hinnant to the league.
Miss Anna Fleck will render a vocal solo and Miss Edna Lanier will play a mandolin solo. All boys are invited to attend.

TARDY ONES PAY UP.
Last Day for Settling Taxes Busy One For the Sheriff.
Tardy taxpayers swarmed into the office of Sheriff George C. Jackson yesterday, anxious to settle their obligations to the county and State in order to avoid paying the penalty provided for delinquents by the Legisla-

ture. The sheriff's office had the appearance of a giant beehive and clerical force was taxed to capacity. The crowds were handled, however, and all who called were waited upon. There will be many who will be called upon to settle—men who have neglected to pay their taxes and in doing so they will be required to pay the penalty which were recently warned of.

Fuchs' Cash Dep't. Stores Wilmington—Lumberton

Our Usual Monday Bargains

will be on display Tuesday morning, as our store is closed Monday. We will put on sale an extra fine lot of bargains. It will make it worth while for you to come. Goods are yet very cheap—you should anticipate your wants for Spring. After our stock is exhausted, prices will have to advance.

Dry Goods Bargains For Tuesday

- 20c dress gingham for 15c will be put on Sale Tuesday. Pretty stripes and plaids, checks and dress styles—this cloth promises to be big for Spring and will be high in price. Lay in your supply while you can get it at the old price, per yard only..... 15c
- One lot of 32-inch Chambray, Blue only, as long as it lasts, per yard..... 20c
- \$2.50 value in long cloth, 10-yard bolts, good weight, soft chamois finish, special for Tuesday, per bolt..... \$1.98
- Standard mills nainsook, very sheer and soft, fine underwear goods for Spring, per yard..... 19c
- 36-inch Shirting and Dress Madras, very pretty styles for Spring, a yard..... 25c
- Cannon Cloth, per yard..... 25c
- Andrew Scroggin bleaching, yard..... 25c
- 32-inch half wool serge, per yard..... 58c
- 28-inch Percalé, per yard..... 15c
- 36-inch Percalé, very best goods, fast color. A full count standard cloth, per yard..... 25c
- 27-inch Stanley Percalé in shirting style, per yard 10c

Shoe Department

A nice Dark Tan Cuban low heel, high lace boot, pretty low English cut, special price, a pair \$4.98.
One lot of high heel, high lace boots, values up to \$7.00, odd sizes and styles, close out each \$3.98.
Men's heavy work and farm shoes in black and tan, each pair \$2.98.



Millinery Department

Some more new Spring hats. They are pretty and are being worn right now. We pride ourselves on this department. Fine quality hats at the right price.



Spring Coat Suits and Dresses

These are exceedingly handsome spring dresses, from..... \$20.00 to 35.00
Coat suits and coats, from..... \$20.00 to \$35.00

J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store

The Store For Service Phone 272
Agents for Ladies' Home Journal Patterns.
We sell War Savings Stamps. Phone us the amount—we will send them to you.