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CHRISTMAS TREE ON BROAD STREET

First Of Its Kind Ever Erected In S. C. This City.

IS BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED

Charlotte, Greensboro And Wilmington Also Have The Trees.

For the first time in the history of the city, New Bern will, this year, have a Municipal Christmas Tree. Trees of this variety have, for several years, been in vogue in the North but the spirit did not reach the South until this season and New Bern's City Beautiful Club, which incidentally is one of the most progressive organizations of its kind in the entire South, was quick to see the possibilities it contained for showing the progressive spirit of the city and promptly decided to have a tree.

The tree was erected yesterday on Broad street near the corner of Middle and all during the day a force of electricians were engaged in placing varicolored electric lights on the tree. Last night the current was turned on and the spectacle presented was one which could not but attract and please all who saw it.

The ceremonies attending the erection of this municipal Christmas tree will begin tonight and will also be held tomorrow night. The Peoples Concert Band, New Bern's newest musical organization, will furnish the music for the occasion and every citizen of New Bern is urged to come out and participate in the festivities. It will be a gala event and mirth and the predominant holiday spirit will reign supreme. Greensboro, Charlotte and Wilmington also have municipal Christmas trees and ceremonies similar to that which will be held tonight and tomorrow night, will also be held in those cities.

THOUSANDS OF PACKAGES AT LOCAL POSTOFFICE

YESTERDAY WAS A RECORD BREAKER—THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.

The clerks and carriers in the New Bern postoffice yesterday experienced one of the busiest days of the year and there is not the slightest doubt about the fact that every member of the force was more than glad when the day was ended.

Thousands of packages and letters were received and also sent off during the day and the handling of this immense amount of mail matter entailed much work. The public will get a better idea of just how much business was transacted by knowing that more than three hundred dollars worth of stamps were sold.

Today will be another record breaker, and will, in all probability, eclipse the record made yesterday. Tomorrow the following hours will be observed:

Stamp and general delivery window open 7:30 to 8:15 a. m.
General delivery open again 9:45 to 10 a. m.

Both windows open 6 to 6:45 p. m.

Carriers will make first collection and delivery.

These hours are observed in order to allow the employees of the office to get out and celebrate the day in a proper manner.

MR. DANIELS THANKS HIS SUPPORTERS.

I desire to express to my friends and all who spoke kind words in behalf of my appointment as postmaster in this city, my sincerest thanks. The interest taken in my appointment by my friends has been a source of great personal gratification to me and mere words cannot express my gratitude.

Sincerely,
L. G. Daniels.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Christmas entertainment to be given by the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, will be held Friday night. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

THE ELECTRIC ARCHES SHOULD BE IN USE

MERCHANTS ARE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD BUYING CURRENT.

The Board of Aldermen evidently did not consider that the city could stand the expense of operating the lights in the business district of the city this week and at their last meeting failed to act upon the matter.

"Boss" Hackburn, one of the city's leading citizens, and who conducts two large stores on Pollock street, is one of the advocates of lighting the streets this week and has decided to illuminate his section and pay the city for the current.

The current used in these electric arches will cost comparatively little and the merchants are urged to contribute a small sum toward keeping the lights burning during the week. Those who are willing to do this, and it is believed that every public spirited merchant in the city will do so, are requested to notify Mr. Hackburn this morning and he will make arrangements to have the lights turned on tonight.

Not only does the "boss" believe in having the streets in front of his place of business illuminated by electric arches, but is a firm believer in the use of red fire one as of the means of celebrating the holidays. Several displays of "the fiery flames" took place in front of his establishment last night much to the edification of the hundreds of pedestrians who were on the streets.

ALLEGED DISTILLER GETS A HEARING TODAY.

Owing to the absence of several witnesses the preliminary hearing of Leon Laughinghouse, who was taken under arrest by Sheriff R. B. Lane Monday afternoon at his home near Vanceboro, on a warrant charging him with operating an illicit distillery, will take place this afternoon before Justice of the Peace W. F. Hill.

S. A. SCHLOSS DEAD.

Prominent Theatrical Man Passes Away.

Wilmington, Dec. 23.—All Wilmington and friends and business acquaintances throughout the whole country will be shocked to learn of the death of Mr. S. A. Schloss, prominent theatrical owner and operator of this city, who passed away at his residence, No. 214 North Fourth street, last night, at 10:30 o'clock.

Although Mr. Schloss had been in ill health for two years or more, his death came as a painful surprise, even to his family and those who were close to him. He had been very weak for the past few weeks, but seemed somewhat stronger yesterday, and he was sitting up last evening when overcome by a fainting spell. From this he never rallied, and 30 minutes later he was dead.

SEVERAL OFFENDERS FACE MAYOR ALBERT H. BANGERT.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday afternoon by Mayor Albert H. Bangert:

Bettie Carter, charged with being disorderly within the city limits. Judgment suspended upon the payment of the costs of the case.

Mary Mackey was fined five dollars and taxed with the costs of the case for being disorderly.

Fred Spain, Claud Sanders and Walter Bell were taxed with the costs for riding their bicycles at night without carrying a light.

NEGRO KILLED.

Was Attempting To Escape From Policeman.

(Special to the Journal.)
Goldsboro, Dec. 23.—West Hines, colored, was shot and instantly killed here this afternoon by Jack Fulghum, a member of the local police force. Hines had been arrested by the Chief of Police on a charge of gambling. He broke away and ran and the Chief fired at him. The bullet took effect and the negro was taken to his home for treatment. While there he made another break for liberty and was shot by the policeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lane left for Oriental last night to spend the holidays.

L. G. DANIELS TO TAKE CHARGE JANUARY 1st.

His Nomination For Postmaster at New Bern Confirmed Yesterday -- Thomas Appointed Income Tax Collector by Commissioner Osborne.

Louis G. Daniels, who was last week recommended for postmaster in this city by Senator F. M. Simmons, will take charge of the office on January 1, his nomination being confirmed yesterday. John Thomas, Jr., who was appointed deputy collector of the income tax, was also appointed by Commissioner Osborne and will take charge of his new duties on the same date.

The news of his confirmation reached Mr. Daniels last night and the message relative to the appointment of Mr. Thomas also came in last night. It was thought by Mr. Daniels' friends that his confirmation would probably

Senator Simmons was desirous of getting the New Bern office in full swing once more after so much turmoil of the past few months and lost no time in having the successful candidate confirmed.

Nothing was said in the message received here in regard to Stephen H. Lane who has been recommended for assistant postmaster. However, it is believed that he will go into office at the same time with Mr. Daniels.

R. A. Nunn, who has been acting postmaster since the dismissal of J. S. Bassnight, will remain in charge of the office until January 1.

L. I. MOORE NOT IN RACE FOR CONGRESS

Prominent New Bernian Declines to be a Candidate—States Reasons In Letter to The Journal.

Along about January 1st the three candidates for the office of Congressman from this district: Cong. Jno. M. Faison, of Faison; Hon. Charles R. Thomas, of this city, and George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, will probably make their announcements and officially "come out."

It has been rumored that L. I. Moore of this city would be one of the candidates for this office, but this rumor is absolutely without foundation as is evidenced by the following letter written to the Journal by Mr. Moore:

"I desire that you state for me in your paper that I have not seriously considered, at any time, becoming a candidate for Congress in this district at the coming election. I appreciate the compliment which your reference to me in this connection contained, but I find my time is occupied in the practice of my profession and I am not

willing to give a divided attention to any public duty. I have been urged by many of my friends to become a candidate at this time, but the demands upon me in my practice make it quite out of the question for me to do so. It is an office of honor and importance to the people and I do not believe it should be used as a means of gratification of any personal ambition or occupied simply for the compensation but solely for the service that can be rendered to the people of the district.

Yours truly,

Dec. 23, 1913. L. I. Moore.

This action on Mr. Moore's part leaves the field open for three candidates. That the fight will be a warm one there is not the slightest doubt. Each of the gentlemen named above who will enter the race, have numerous friends and they have been promised their entire support.

CANNOT SHOOT FIREWORKS DURING CERTAIN HOURS

FUSILLADE MUST CEASE AT TEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING.

The city ordinance relative to the discharge of fireworks and other combustibles will be suspended on Christmas Day with the exception of the hours between 10 and 12 o'clock tomorrow morning.

At this hour services will be in progress in many of the churches and Mayor Bangert will not allow the congregations to be disturbed by the incessant popping of fireworks.

The officers have been instructed to arrest all who do not observe this order and they will be heavily fined if brought before him. It is hoped that it will not be necessary for the police to take anyone into custody on this charge.

Mayor Bangert also urges care in the handling of fireworks. The majority of the dealers have no very large varieties of fireworks on sale but there are a few "babywakers" in the city and these are just about as dangerous an article as could be found.

NOTICE TO JOURNAL ADVERTISERS.

The Journal will be issued tomorrow as usual. Advertisers are requested to have the copy for their ads. in the office not later than 6 o'clock this evening, earlier if possible. No paper will be issued on Friday morning, the employees being allowed to observe Christmas Day.

ALIENISTS TESTIFY IN THE SCHMIDT TRIAL

COURT ADJOURNED EARLY TO ENABLE COUNSEL TO CONSULT.

New York, Dec. 23.—The procession of alienists began their march to the witness stand today in the trial of Hans Schmidt for murder. After Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, of New York, had testified for the defense, court adjourned early to enable Schmidt's attorneys to construct a hypothetical question which will be put to Dr. Jelliffe and other medical experts tomorrow.

Practically all Dr. Jelliffe's testimony was that Schmidt was abnormal. The witness said the priest complained to him that his bishops and tallow clergy refused to acknowledge his authority.

The defendant excused his forgeries of the signature of his professor at Munich by saying "I was in high spirits and good health and I entered into the personality of the professor. I was the professor. So it was not wrong for me to sign his name."

Dr. Jelliffe asked Schmidt if he ever played the violin in a bath tub, as a former witness had testified. "I did," said Schmidt. "It was nobody's business what an inspired man does. Heaven wishes him to do."

During one of his visits to Schmidt's cell, said Dr. Jelliffe, another physician who accompanied him, pricked his forefinger with a needle and showed the prisoner a drop of blood. Instantly Schmidt's face became livid. "All blood is mine," he shouted, making a lunge for the physician's hand and trying to raise it to his lips.

Mrs. J. P. C. Davis spent last night in Beaufort.

SUCCESSFUL FALL TERM AT BINGHAM SCHOOL

CADETS DISTINGUISHED IN SCHOLARSHIP AND DEPARTMENT.

(Special to the Journal.)

Mebane, Dec. 23.—The Bingham School, near Mebane, has just closed a successful fall term. The examinations are over and the cadets have returned to their homes for the holidays. The department and scholarship grades have been unusually high and the boys speak of the faculty as one of the best that they ever knew at Bingham. The same efficient corps of teachers has been engaged for the Spring Term and all of the boys say that they will return. School will reopen after the holidays, on Tuesday, January 6th.

Major Adrian Nalle who stood first in the military department at the V. M. I. for four years and who was first captain in his senior year, has been re-engaged to act as Commandant for the spring term, which is his fifth at Bingham. He will also teach military science and tactics in the department of Science. Major L. S. Gerow, a distinguished graduate of the V. M. I., will continue to be in charge of the departments of English and German. Captain M. W. Hester, a leading graduate of the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, will continue to teach French, Mathematics and Latin. Captain T. K. Cobb will again be in charge of the department of History and Captain Charles B. McCutchen will teach classes in Science and English. The department of Bible, which for many years has been conducted by Col. Gray, will continue in his charge.

The Bingham boys distinguished on scholarship and department on the reports just sent out are as follows: Russell Gibson, Preston Lewis Gray, Jr., Norman Harney, Frank Harris, Fred Jones, Robert Jones, Henry Johnston, Mason Mebane, Wilbur McFarland, McWilliam McSwain, Knott Proctor, Holston Sigmon, George Wheeler and John Wallace.

Chas. Gramlich Majestic Mosical Comedy Company Composed of Ten Players

ATHENS. Majestic Musical Comedy Company will make an entire change of program today. This is a good company and they alone give you a 50 cent show for 10c. and 15c.

SPECIAL FEATURES

in pictures today.

"The Hills of Strife," A Strong Two Reel Feature.

A feud between two clans of the Kentucky hills culminates in a fierce battle, the factions being headed by Bill Knox and Pete Harris. Knox's wife is shot and dies with her baby in her arms. A young child of Harris is also killed, and Jane Harris, the mother, takes a rifle and joins in the fight. She clings upon the dead Knox woman and her rage melts as she takes up the mother's baby. Jane Harris rears the boy with the idea of making him a deadly enemy of his own blood, but later comes to love the boy, whom she names Tom. Tom grows up supposedly a Harris and falls in love with Mary, a girl of the Knox clan. The feud flares up again, and old Bill Knox, more savage than ever, hears that Mary is meeting one of the enemy and determines to ambush Tom. Jane Harris, the foster mother, hears of Bill's intentions and rushes to the trysting place just in time to throw herself in front of Tom and with her body stops Bill's bullets. Before Bill can fire again Tom has disarmed him and as Jane is dying she tells Knox that Tom is his own son. Bill tries to keep his boy, but Tom hates the bloody land and with Mary goes down into the peaceful valleys.

CAST.
Tom, John Ince.
Pete Harris, William Carr.
Mary, Blanche West.
Jane Harris, Eleanor Blanchard.
Bill Knox, Arthur Mathews.
Lucy Knox, Jennie Nelson.

"Master Fixit."

He fixes it so that the professor gets caught in a beartrap; his sister gets caught on a hook and lands in the arms of a young fisherman. A comical and pretty mountain romance.

"Buddhist Temples."

On same reel with "Master Fixit."

A comprehensive view of the many

DORTCH AND WEBB ARE NOT IN YET

West Virginia Senator Takes A Hand In The Matter.

BAILEY MARSHAL IN WEST

Senator Simmons Is Praised By President Wilson.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Senator Goff, of West Virginia, successfully blocked the confirmation of W. T. Dortch and Charles A. Webb, who have been nominated for marshals to succeed Dockery and Logan, when he sent a telegram to Washington today asking that these nominations be held up until his return to the city, which will be the latter part of next January. Judge Goff said he wanted to be heard before these nominations were made, and of course, his request will be granted.

Out of deference to Senator Overman, who is the acting chairman, the Judiciary committee today paved the way for the confirmation of Webb and Dortch by making a favorable report to the Senate. But before an executive session could be called, a telegram was received from Goff protesting. This means at least a month's delay before the confirmations can be had. As nominations for judges and district attorneys cannot be reported from the committee until after a regular meeting of the committee, the same delay will apply to Judge Winston.

Judge Boyd today notified Senator Overman that he had appointed J. M. Bailey to act as marshal for the West pending the confirmation of Webb. Bailey was chief deputy to Marshal Logan.

Representative Godwin has secured a special examination for Luther McDaniels, of Maxton, for post-office inspector. McDaniels is a railway mail clerk. Mr. Godwin has appointed J. E. Elliott, postmaster at Thomawill.

In a letter to Congressman Claud Kitchin, every member of the House from the State pledged their support in electing him chairman of the Ways and Means committee to succeed Oscar Underwood.

Secretary of the Senate James M. Baker has presented Senator Simmons with the first bound copy of the Underwood-Simmons tract bill to come from the printers. The book is something that not only Senator Simmons, but the people of the entire State may well feel proud in addition to the anti-trust appeal of every Senator in Congress. The book contains a letter from President Wilson, written in his own handwriting, in which the President is so generous to again assume that he has fully approved of the work of the Senate in its year in passing the anti-trust bill.

"My Dear Senator Simmons: I welcome the opportunity to express again my warm appreciation for your leadership in our great fight for this bill and its adoption by the Senate. Your ability, knowledge and patience combined to accomplish a great thing."

"Cordially and faithfully yours,
"Woodrow Wilson."

TICKETS FOR DINNER ARE NOW ON SALE.

Tickets for the Chamber of Commerce dinner, to be held at the Gaston Hotel the night of December 30, may be obtained from J. Leon Williams, secretary, or from the following members of the entertainment committee: J. V. Blades, Dr. R. N. Duffy, W. W. Griffin, J. S. Claypoole, J. T. Hollister, C. L. Ives, E. A. Meadows, Jr., William Dunn, Jr., James A. Bryan and M. D. W. Stevenson.

Miss Isabel M. Griffiths passed through the city last night enroute from Merritt to Baltimore to spend the holidays.

phases of the great God of India. Different conceptions of the Buddhists diety.

Remember we give the biggest and best show in North Carolina for the price.

Matinee daily at 3:45, 5 and 10 cents. Night, 5, 10 and 15 cents.