

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Items of Interest in and Around the City.

This is to be a prosperity Christmas.

Mr. H. H. Hobbs, the well-known and hustling plumber, of this city, has employed the services of an expert electrician and will henceforth do, also, electric wiring and guarantees all his work.

The new hotel—known as the "Hotel Wayne," at the new union passenger depot is undergoing full sewerage connection with the city service as well as complete re-furnishing, and will soon be thrown open to the public under new management.

Christmas comes next week. Can you realize it? Have you done your Christmas shopping? If not, why will you put it off, when you know that in the rush of the next few days you will be jostled and wind up with "Hobson's choice"? Do your shopping now.

Don't put off your contribution to our "Empty Stocking" fund. The opportunity is short-lived, and will pass away from you on Tuesday. It is an occasion of the most pleading charity, and responding to it brings happiness alike to the giver and the poor children.

The Argus had the pleasure of a visit today from an old time friend, that cultured gentleman Mr. R. W. Waldrop, traveling passenger agent for the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, who is looking over the field in the interest of his delightful boat line from Norfolk to Baltimore.

The Argus shares the sympathy of his wide circle of friends of Mr. M. L. Adams in the loss by fire that has befallen him—the burning of his store and workshop in New Hope township, just two miles east of the city, in which he sustained a loss of over \$1,800 above insurance; the property being worth fully \$3,000, on which he had only \$1,150 insurance. Mr. Adams had built up a very fine country trade, and in addition to his heavy loss falling on him just at this time makes it the heavier. He is at work, however, rebuilding and hopes to be open for business in ten days.

EUREKA HAPPENINGS.

Mr. H. A. Overman made a business trip to Wilson Saturday.

Mr. N. D. Minshew spent Monday in Goldsboro.

Mr. H. T. Walston, Jr., spent several days with his parents at Saratoga last week.

Dr. T. F. Jones, accompanied by Misses Mary Jones and Beulah Martin, spent from Friday until Monday visiting in Snow Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hill, of Fremont, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. Missouri Yelverton, who continues quite sick.

The ladies of the Betterment Society and the Parsonage Aid Society will hold a bazaar on Friday, December 17, and a supper at night. All are cordially invited. The bazaar and supper will be held in the unused rooms of the school building.

Our school still continues to increase in numbers notwithstanding the mumps and measles are among the children.

The Eureka Literary Society will hold its weekly session on Friday evening and the visitors to the bazaar and supper are cordially invited to attend. No special preparations have been made for the occasion, but I am sure all will enjoy the exercises.

The Eureka school will celebrate North Carolina Day Friday, and carry out the program arranged for the day.

MAGISTER.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.

Mrs. Emily Stanfill Keaton Falls on Sleep at Three Scare and Tea.

Yesterday evening at seven o'clock at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Ed. L. Edmundson, on Spruce street east, after a lingering decline of many months, Mrs. Emily Stanfill Keaton, relict of the late William Solomon Keaton, one of the early merchants of Goldsboro, "fell on sleep," aged seventy years, rejoicing in the promises of the blessed Saviour whom she had served from earliest girlhood, having professed religion and joined the Goldsboro Baptist Church when she was sixteen years of age. Through all her long life, measuring as it did the growth of the city from a mere hamlet to its present great proportions, she was ever devoted to her church and an exemplary member in her daily living—walking with God, whose service was her rule of life and to see whose face is now her joy forevermore.

Mrs. Keaton is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. Ed. L. Edmundson, several grandchildren, a wide circle of near relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral will be held from the home his afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. T. Watkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the interment will be made beside her late husband in Willow Dale Cemetery.

General Dudley Dead.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—General W. W. Dudley, of Indiana, former commissioner of pensions, died today.

Washington crossed the Delaware and the warlike Prairie got stuck in it.

O'BERRY--LAND.

Beautiful Home Wedding in Kinston Tuesday Night.

One of Goldsboro's Most Substantial and Esteemed Young Business Men Wins One of Kinston's Most Charming Daughters.

At the home of the bride in Kinston yesterday evening at seven o'clock, in the presence of an impressive gathering of especial friends of the contracting parties, Mr. Tom O'Berry, of this city, and Miss Annie Land were happily united in the holy bond of wedlock. Rev. R. C. Deal, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of that town, officiating.

It was a most beautiful service, rendered the more impressive by its solemn simplicity.

The home had been beautifully adorned for the happy occasion and in the spacious bay window of the parlor a veritable fairy chapel had been improvised, canopied in white and adorned with trailing smilax and pendant white bells, and illumined by electric lights. Herein the officiating minister stood and here the handsome young groom and his beautiful bride pledged their mutual troth, within the touching of loving parents and kindred and devoted friends, that gave additional sentiment to the superlatively happy, triumphal moment in the lives of the twain as they spoke the words that effected the eternal locking of their lives together—the sacramental merging of "two souls with but a single thought; two hearts that beat as one."

Just before the ceremony, and before the bride entered, Miss Marie Long, of Statesville, to violin and harp accompaniment sang, with exquisite expression, "Because of You," and as the last notes died away the bridesmaids, bearing floral ropes entered in twos and formed an aisle from the door to the altar. These were Misses Madoline White, Annie Archbell, Rachel Borden, Katie Lee Banks, Belle Braswell and Estella O'Berry.

The groom entered with his best man, Mr. Hampden Hill, and was followed by the bride with her brother, Mr. Ed. Land, a rising young lawyer of Kinston, by whom she was given away. The groomsmen were Messrs. Louis Grant, Bennett Perry, Will Woodard, Tom Hines and John Wood.

At the conclusion of the beautiful ceremony the bride and groom for a brief while received the hearty congratulations of their assembled friends, and then, while they were preparing to take the westbound train, their friends repaired to the two spacious rooms where the bridal presents were on display and these were as abounding as they were beautiful and costly, and attested not only to the great number of the friends of the popular contracting young couple, but to the substantial esteem in which they are held.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. O'Berry, of this city, and is associated with his father in the management of the Enterprise Lumber Company, of which the latter is president. He is a young man who from earliest boyhood has been a joy to his parents and a model for young men. Going through the Goldsboro High School, graduating from the University and at once going to work in the offices of the above company, he has ever maintained the integrity of his convictions and won and holds the highest esteem of all who know him.

Miss Land, the fair young bride, is in her adopted home in Kinston, what the groom is in Goldsboro, and their two young lives therefore are thus blended together under the brightest of auspices, with a wealth of friends who wish for them all that is bright and good through many years of wedded bliss.

Arriving in this city, the happy young couple took the northbound train for an extended trip to Washington, Baltimore, New York and Boston, while the others of the bridal party participated in the sermon given in their honor, and later were sumptuously banqueted at the groom's home until the wee sma' hours.

SOLDIER DIES OF LEPROSY.

Sergeant Mix Passes Away at Fort Screven—Military Honors.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 13.—Death removed probably the only case of leprosy in the United States army today when First Sergeant C. O. Mix, of the seventy-second company, Coast Artillery, died in his lonely cottage on the Fort Screven reservation. The body will be buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery in accordance with the last request of the dead soldier.

Mix enlisted from Brownsville, Tex., and served in the Cuban campaign during the Spanish-American war. It was here the disease was contracted. The sergeant had been a government charge for the past few years, his case attracting attention in medical circles all over the country.

AEROPLANE SUIT IN COURT.

Famous Cases in a Legal Battle. Wrights Against Curtis.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Three of the world's most famous aviators, the Wright brothers and Glenn H. Curtiss, of the Herring-Curtiss Company, joined issue in a legal battle here today. The proceedings, which came before Judge Hazel, in the United States Court, were in a suit brought by the Wrights for a preliminary injunction against Curtiss to restrain him and his associates from manufacturing and selling aeroplanes on the ground that in all essential details Curtiss is infringing on the patents of the Wrights. Arguments had not been completed when court adjourned until tomorrow.

Attorney H. A. Toulmin, of Springfield, O., representing the Wright brothers, argued for three hours to show that his clients were the pioneers in making and demonstrating the heavier than air machines. He laid special stress on their discovery of devices for balancing a machine in the wind, one of the claims in the suit being that Curtiss copied these devices. It was also charged that Curtiss received his inspiration and understanding of these devices while A. M. Herring, his partner, was a guest of the Wrights in 1903.

For Mr. Curtis, Attorney Emerson E. Knowell, of New York, denied infringement. He said that the Wrights themselves had admitted that the inclined or curved plane and the forward and rear attachments were old; that while the Wrights had solved the balancing problem, Curtiss had adopted an entirely different plan to maintain equilibrium. He also claimed that the particular devices upon which the Wrights claimed infringement never had been patented.

He contended that an automobile device to maintain equilibrium was still the great desideratum in the aeroplane.

AN ALL ROUND LOSER.

Two Chapters in the Sensational Case of Miss Sylvie Speer, of Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13.—Two minutes after Mrs. Sylvie Speer Thomas, daughter of W. A. Speer, well known in financial circles, was granted a total divorce from her father's chauffeur, Russell J. Thomas, in the Superior Court today, a marriage license was issued to Marshall C. McKenzie and Miss Sylvie Speer.

Miss Speer's divorce was secured on allegations that she was forced to marry the chauffeur because the man had made threats of violence against her father unless the daughter consented to elope with him.

Immediately after the parties involved left the court house they were driven to the Speer residence, on Peachtree Road, where the wedding ceremony was performed in the presence of a large party of friends.

Another chapter in the Speer case also was concluded today when a verdict was rendered in the Superior Court in favor of W. A. Speer, who was sued by his chauffeur, Thomas, for \$100,000 for alienation of his wife's affections.

The elopement of beautiful Sylvie Speer, with her father's handsome young chauffeur fourteen months ago, created a sensation. After being married in Atlanta, they left for Charlotte, N. C., where they were arrested as they registered at a prominent hotel. Mrs. Speer brought the bride back to Atlanta, but the young husband made so much trouble that the mother took her daughter to New York. Here the bride was kept hidden to escape reporters and to evade a writ of habeas corpus sought by the husband. Finally, Mrs. Speer sailed with her daughter for Europe.

Thomas asserted that if he could see his bride alone she would declare that she preferred him to her parents. This her parents refused to allow. They charged that she was drugged by Thomas the day of the wedding and while in this condition, was forced under threats to consent to the marriage.

HARDWICK AFTER NAVY.

Wants to Know Reason for Searching for Colonel Astor's Yacht.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, wants to know if it is true that the Navy Department helped to search for the yacht of Col. John Jacob Astor when it was reported lost recently in the West Indies, and if so, why, and how much money was spent by the Department in the quest. He introduced a resolution today indicating this desire and requesting the Secretary of the Navy, "if not incompatible with public welfare, to inform the House as to the facts in the case."

LOWENBERG ESTATE.

Will Be Divided Equally Between the Four Children.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The will of the late David Lowenberg, wealthy capitalist, who died here Saturday, and which was filed today, disposes of an estate estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. The amount is divided equally between his four children, with a special bequest of \$50,000 to his widow, formerly Mrs. Caroline Shulman, of St. Louis, whom he married five years ago with a settlement at that time said to be equal to the present bequest.

LATER. B. RANEY'S WILL

Entire Property Valued at \$175,000 to Widow and Children.

Estate in Hands of Trustees Till the Youngest Child Is of Age, There Being a Bequest of \$2,000 to Raney Library.

Raleigh News & Observer. The will of the late Richard Beverly Raney, who died on Wednesday last, was filed in the office of the clerk of the court yesterday.

The estate is worth in the neighborhood of \$150,000, exclusive of the handsome residence at the corner of Hillsboro and Salisbury streets, and this cost about \$40,000. It is the estimate that the entire estate will be something above \$175,000.

By the terms of Mr. Raney's will there is created a trust fund for his widow, Mrs. Katherine Raney, and three children, Margaret Denison Raney, aged five years; Richard Beverly Raney, aged three years, and Katherine Baird Raney, aged two months, the trustees named in the will being Messrs. Herbert W. Jackson, B. Grimes Cowper and E. E. Barnes. The entire property is to be held in trust for Mrs. R. B. Raney and her three children till the youngest is twenty-one years of age.

The only bequest made besides this is \$2,000, which is left to the trustees of the Olivia Raney Library, the gift of Mr. Raney to the people of Raleigh, and of this gift the interest only is to be used each two years to paint the roof and the library.

While there is no information as to the details of the property it is understood that the estate consists largely of very best securities, and that outside of the value of the residence the estate will prove to be over, rather than under the estimate of \$150,000 as its value.

General Wood Is Next.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the Department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the army. Secretary Dickinson made this announcement today. General Wood will succeed Gen. J. Franklin Bell, whose term at the head of the general staff will expire next spring.

All the world's a stage—but few of the actors get in the limelight.

KING LEOPOLD NEAR DEATH.

Aged Monarch Is Making a Desperate Fight With Odds Against Him.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—Leopold II, King of the Belgians, tonight is making a desperate fight with death, and the odds are strongly against the aged monarch. As a last resort the surgeon's knife will be tried tomorrow. If the operation is successful, King Leopold may live. If it fails the end is inevitable. All will depend upon the King's strength and vitality, which are fast ebbing.

Rheumatism has already conquered the aged and wasted frame. Dropsy has developed and an obstruction of the intestine, which must be removed, has greatly aggravated his condition.

The general opinion is that the King will not survive the operation. Indeed he may die at any moment. The monarch himself is rather optimistic, and today exclaimed to his physician: "Operate, and the sooner the better." But he added with a wan, wistful smile: "Perhaps, doctor, the long, long journey is at hand."

King Leopold is still as lucid of intellect as ever. This masterful mind, which conceived and carried out the gigantic Congo project and roused the whole world into bitter indictment and discussion, calmly directed what seems to be the final chapter in his spectacular career. The picture was pathetic enough. Separated from his two oldest daughters by a tragic succession of events, with scandals of his own personal life whispered by every tongue, Leopold lay tonight in "The Palms," a little pavilion of six rooms, close to the great empty laeken castle, surrounded by his faithful daughter, Princess Clementine, Crown Prince Albert and the royal household. The castle is empty, for the King sold all the furniture, dismissed the servants and withdrew to the pavilion.

During the morning the King, assisted by his private affairs, settled his private affairs. He discussed points in his will with perfect composure. In the afternoon he took farewell of the court officials. To Count Oultremont, marshal of the court, his majesty said:

"You have served me well for more than twenty years. I am grateful. Before I die I want to tell you so and give you my thanks."

The King then summoned Princess Clementine, whom he kissed several times, telling her not to cry. She was led fainting from the room.

Other relatives, including Prince Albert, followed.

The articles in the Congressional Record cost, it appears from a full statement, much more than a dollar a word. Roosevelt is outdone at last.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Ingredients: Sulfur, Glycerin, Quinia, Sodium Chloride, Capsicum, Sage, Alcohol, Water, Perfume.

Anything injurious here? Ask your doctor. Anything of merit here? Ask your doctor. Will it stop falling hair? Ask your doctor. Will it destroy dandruff? Ask your doctor.

Does not Color the Hair

Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy

What Mrs. F. O. Cox, of Wake Forest Thinks of Its Curative Qualities.

In my travels I had heard that Mrs. F. O. Cox, of Wake Forest, N. C., was an enthusiast in regard to my Remedy, so, being at Wake Forest, I went in to see her, to hear what my Remedy had done for her.

"It has done so much for me, Mrs. Person," she said, "I hardly know how to begin. Several years ago I suffered fearfully from rheumatism all over my body. I would have spells of it, when for weeks, and sometimes two and three months, the muscles of my arms, legs, back—and it seemed like all the muscles in my body were being drawn, and this caused me intense suffering. Six bottles of your remedy cured me, at least I got well I stopped taking it, but felt the trouble again and took six more bottles, and it cured me. Now I use it in our family for everything, indigestion, eczema, poison oak, and even the sores on the children's legs, which children are so often troubled with, can be cured in a few days by the Remedy. Use the wash in connection with the Remedy, and I believe it will cure anything that can be cured. I call Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy my vade mecum, and I just cannot say how much I do think of it. I will sanction anything you could say for your Remedy, and would be willing to sign my name to anything you might write in regard to it, for it has absolutely cured everything I ever tried it for, and you may tell the public that Mrs. F. O. Cox, of Wake Forest, said so."

MRS. JOE PERSON.

Wake Forest, N. C., December 14, 1909.

Our Coal In Your Fireplace

will make your apartments warm and cheerful. This coal, is high quality, clean fuel at a fair price. The beauty of grate fires is their convenience for chilly mornings and evenings when steam or furnace fires are uncomfortably hot, though many people prefer the open kind coldest days of winter.



W. H. Griffin,

The Coal and Wood Dealer.

ADVERTISE IN THE ARGUS

Special Purchase Sale

OF

MEN'S CLOTHING

About ten days ago we received a letter from one of the leading manufacturers of Baltimore to the effect that they were going out of that business and wanted to close out their entire stock.

They said they wrote to us for two reasons. First---We had the outlet to distribute an immense quantity of clothing. Second---We could pay immediate cash upon arrival of goods, which was a condition of the sale.

Our Mr. Hollowell, a connoisseur of good clothes, took the night train for Baltimore, the home of good clothes. He spent two days carefully examining each lot as to quality, style and workmanship; then he bought thirty six hundred dollars worth of this winter's production. He did not buy the entire stock; he selected only the desirable patterns and styles and almost selected his own price on the goods.

These goods were bought at so low a price that we can make our usual margin of profit and still sell them at less than the prices we ourselves usually pay.

We have received these goods in our store now and we are more than pleased at the purchase.

We can safely promise you better values in Clothes than you have bought in many years or than you will buy for several years more.

We will sell you for \$10 Clothes that we have been selling for \$15.00

\$13.50 buys a Suit usually marked - - - - - 20.00

15.00 we ask you for suits that were - - - - - 22.50

17.50 is the price of Custom Tailored Clothes worth - 25.00

Or more, according to the reputation of the maker.

Every Suit we guarantee to be of the best tailoring and of the latest styles. The showing includes single and double breasted Sack Suits, slims, stouts, young men's styles; in short, almost every size is included in this special sale. It is an important sale and a profitable opportunity for every one who buys.

H. WEIL & BROS.