

NEW PYTHIAN LODGE

Past Grand Chancellor W. J. Woodward and a team will leave this afternoon for Clarkton to institute a Lodge tonight.

Past Grand Chancellor W. J. Woodward, State Organizer J. Robert Jordan, and the degree team composed of Wilmington Pythians, will leave this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Clarkton for the purpose of instituting the new lodge at that place. Mr. E. V. Richards will go along to manage the lights, and the team will confer the degrees in great style. The following will constitute the team: First Rank—J. Kink, C. C.; A. H. Zoeller, V. C.; J. T. Kink, P.; W. L. Holden, M. A.; A. S. Holden, I. G.; L. B. Rogers, O. G.; H. E. Bonitz, D. M.; A. S. Holden, Pythias; R. S. Collins, Dionysius; J. C. Morrison, excubitor; G. W. Branch, F. M. Fulford, soldiers; C. D. Yarbrough, W. C. Galloway, H. F. Otter, J. N. Johnson, J. J. Hopkins and W. C. Smith, attendants. Second Rank—J. T. Kink, C. C.; R. S. Collins, V. C.; J. N. Johnson, P.; W. L. Holden, M. A.; A. S. Holden, I. G.; L. B. Rogers, O. G. Third Rank—W. F. Robertson, king; G. W. Branch and F. M. Fulford, king's attendants; J. T. Kink, C. C.; R. S. Collins, V. C.; W. C. Smith, P.; W. L. Holden, M. A.; A. S. Holden, I. G.; L. B. Rogers, O. G.; H. F. Otter, Pythagoras; C. D. Yarbrough, monitor; A. H. Zoeller, herald; W. C. Galloway, first senator; J. J. Hopkins, second; C. D. Yarbrough, third; H. E. Bonitz, fourth; J. T. Kink, fifth; J. C. Morrison, sixth; Colonel Walker Taylor, seventh; J. F. Littleton, eighth; J. D. Kelley, ninth; L. B. Rogers, tenth.

UNITED STATES COURT

Jurors Drawn Yesterday for the April Term Which Begins Monday, the 29th of the Month.

The following jurors were drawn yesterday to serve at the next term of the United States district court, Judge Purnell presiding, which convenes in Wilmington, on Monday, April 29th: Cumberland county—W. A. Tillinghast, Cyrus Murphy, W. H. C. Levy, J. H. Currie.

Sampson county—Anny Baggett, I. T. McLamb, J. R. McPhail, Wm. Daughtry, W. Usher Newkirk.

New Hanover county—Eugene Phillips, Daniel S. Bender, R. M. Murray, William Calder, R. H. Pickett.

Richmond county—Stephen Wall, J. M. Smith, J. G. Terry, Jacob Perkins.

Brunswick county—Jesse Lancaster, Jackson Stanford, John H. Moore, George E. Brooks, W. A. Moore.

Scotland county—John D. McDonald, John M. Brewer, T. M. McLaughlin, W. W. Bullard.

Pender county—J. E. Durham, R. A. Corbett, A. E. Boston, M. M. Moore, Peter Simpson.

Robeson county—W. F. Stead, R. B. Russell, D. E. Edmunds, Giles Davis.

Duplin county—J. P. Alderman, C. E. Hussey, John R. Wells, Robert G. Maxwell, B. W. Sutton.

Bladen county—H. P. Clark, Richard Smith, W. I. Shaw, J. C. Stanley, James C. Cromatire.

Columbus county—James H. Strauss, C. W. Mautsby, E. H. Cook, J. M. Hinson.

Death of Mrs. M. R. McGILL.

The friends of Mrs. Mickey R. McGill will be pained to learn of her sudden death yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her niece, Mrs. T. E. Davis, 315 North Seventh street.

Mrs. McGill was the widow of the late Mr. Rowlett J. McGill, who was for many years an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line and who passed away several years ago. She was born in Chesterfield county, Virginia, and removed to Wilmington previous to the civil war. She was the last member of her family, her brother, Mr. Benjamin Marshall, having died last year in Salisbury. She was in the 75th year of her age and was one of the oldest members of Grace Methodist church. She leaves a number of relatives and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral will take place at Grace M. E. church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and the interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

The Teachers' Assembly

Professor C. H. Mebane, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, accompanied by Mr. H. S. Leard, traveling passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, will arrive here today, to visit Wrightsville with reference to the advisability of holding the assembly here this summer.

The party will go to Wrightsville this afternoon accompanied by the following committee appointed by Mr. M. W. Jacobs, president of the chamber of commerce: Messrs. James H. Chadbourne, T. D. Meares, Washington Caldwell, James P. Foss, Donald MacRae, W. H. Sprunt, Samuel Northrop, S. A. Schloss, Geo. R. French, W. A. Johnson, John J. Blair, E. Borden, R. J. Jones, W. R. Kanan and J. H. Hinton.

Seventeen Pardons Granted

The road law is making violators of the law something of a rarity in the county. In addition to the convicts from the criminal court, every few days the municipal court sends up a lot of fellows to work the public roads. Yesterday morning Mayor Waddell tried several cases and sentenced two offenders to labor on the road for thirty days. They were George Wilson, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, and Fred Johnson, colored, charged with attempting to rescue a prisoner. Both were able-bodied young men, and they were taken to the rock quarries at Case Haynes yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. H. Shearin, superintendent of the quarries.

Obsequies of Mrs. Pearsall

The funeral of the lamented Mrs. Rachael Pearsall, the beloved wife of Mr. Oscar Pearsall, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church where was assembled a large number of sympathizing friends. The services were impressively conducted by the Rev. A. D. McClure, after which the remains were borne to Oakdale cemetery and laid to rest. Many beautiful floral tributes were affectionately and tenderly placed upon the grave. The pall bearers were as follows: Honorary, Dr. W. J. Love, Dr. D. W. Bulluck, Mr. B. G. Worth, Mr. R. J. Jones, Active, Messrs. R. W. Hicks, R. W. Price, G. J. Boney, W. H. Sprunt, J. H. Thomas and John E. Crow.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. R. R. Livingston, of Whiteville, is here.

Mr. G. W. Taylor, of Jacksonville, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. A. E. White, of Lumberton, spent yesterday in the city.

M. J. F. Hinson, of Magnolia, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, was in the city on business yesterday.

Mr. L. Cashwell, of Abbottsburg, came down to the city yesterday.

Mr. R. D. Thompson, of Richland, was among last evening's arrivals.

Mr. S. H. Newbury, of Williamston, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Sheriff F. W. Hargett, of Jacksonville, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

C. C. Lyon, Esq., of Elizabethtown, and Mrs. Lyon, were guests of the Orton yesterday.

J. B. Schulken, Esq., of the Whiteville, bar, came up to the city yesterday and is still in the city.

Captain L. D. Cherry, of Long Creek, the well known surveyor, was here yesterday on his way home from Southport.

Mrs. Nancy Willis.

The above named lady died at her home on "Bear Creek" in Onslow county, N. C., on the 5th day of March, 1901. She was about the oldest woman in that county, being in the 86th year of her age. She was the widow of the late M. C. Willis of that county, and the only aunt of the writer of this notice. As a member of the M. E. church, she lived and died; was loved and respected by all who knew her. She leaves no relatives, except a few nieces and nephews, to mourn her death. She was a good woman and we loved her much. G. W. W.

Death of Mr. W. J. Register.

On Saturday, March 9th, at 2 o'clock in the morning, William James Register died at his home in Georgia, aged 58 years. He leaves a wife and two daughters, three sisters and five brothers. He was a veteran and served through the siege of Fort Fisher. A host of friends sympathize with the bereaved wife and kindred.

Goldsboro Goes.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Goldsboro, March 19. Today is an anniversary memorable in the history of Wayne. Just thirty-six years ago today, Sunday, March 19, 1865, General Jos. E. Johnson and Wm. T. Sherman met on the field and waged that conflict known as the battle of Bentonville. Many here today recall the fact that the report of the guns could be plainly heard in the city.

Mrs. John R. Crawford entertained the F. L. S. Club last evening. The feature of the evening was a "puzzle contest." Miss Nannie Farrior won first prize, while the "booby" was captured by Miss Annie Powell. The happy guests were regaled with refreshments after the contest and returned to their homes delighted with Mrs. Crawford as a hostess.

Judge J. E. Bryan passed through today for Jackson, where Northampton court convenes tomorrow.

The Recreation Club will be entertained by Miss Hattie Dewey Wednesday at 4:30 o'clock p. m. Its members are happy in anticipation of the pleasant occasion awaiting them.

Many friends were delighted to see Messrs. W. K. Parker and A. W. Parker sufficiently recovered to be out today.

Representative Geo. E. Hood returned to the city last evening and is busily engaged shaking hands with his friends and that means everybody, for where is the man, woman or child that does not like George Hood?

H. B. Parker, Jr., went to Como today on a visit to his parents.

Clerk of the Court Ormond is busily engaged in docket work for the April term of court. There are now on the civil docket eighty-one cases for the term with the magistrates of the county yet to hear from.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Goldsboro, March 20. A delightful rain has fallen and growing vegetation lifts its head in grateful acknowledgement.

As April, the convention month, approaches, the mayorality question is warming up and the question who is our next mayor is the absorbing one. As yet there is but one avowed candidate, but there are others "in the hands of their friends." That sentiment, however, is growing that a young man shall be our next mayor is very evident. Following the mayorality question is the determination as to who for the time being, this is overshadowed.

The sad news reached here this morning of the death of Mrs. Arthur Copeland, at Kingston, last night after a brief illness, aged about 30 years. Mrs. Copeland was a sister of Mrs. M. E. Bixell, of this city.

W. S. Stevens, the efficient clerk of the court of Johnson county, was a visitor here today. He is an old Wayne county boy, who is making his mark elsewhere.

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MEETING OF CAPITALISTS

Great Business Enterprise Projected. A Large Steamboat Company to be Organized, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, March 20.

Yesterday afternoon there was an important meeting of business men and property owners of Fayetteville, called at the suggestion of Dr. H. W. Lilly and Messrs. W. L. Holt and H. Lutterloh, the promoters of the enterprise, the design of which is the formation of a company for the establishment of the Fayetteville and Wilmington line of steamers on the Cape Fear river and the construction of a street railway line in this city, for the conveyance of both passengers and freight, the latter especially to the steamboat wharves.

The capital wanted for this great industrial movement is \$125,000, of which the sum of \$100,000 was obtained without any difficulty, and a committee was appointed to make out a canvass for the remaining \$25,000. Of course the community is fully alive to the paramount interest of this meeting, and the successful outcome of its proceedings will be awaited with eager anxiety.

The Cumberland Manufacturing Company, the incorporation of which was noted in The Messenger a short time ago, is now beginning the work of erection of its plant in the northeastern part of town, just beyond the Presbyterian church. The company will make overalls, such as canvas shirts and trousers, for workmen on trains, in machine shops, etc.

Hereafter the driver must come down to a walk in crossing bridges in Cumberland county, according to an act passed in the legislature, which will be especially beneficial to great covered Clarendon bridge at Fayetteville.

Mrs. M. F. Crawford is spending a short time in Philadelphia.

DUPLIN COURT

Judge Hoke—Visiting Attorneys—The Docket—County Officials—Scenes in the Honeyard—The State of Duplin—James Sprunt Institute.

(Special Correspondence.) Kenansville, March 20.

Duplin court is in session here this week, his honor, Judge W. A. Hoke, presiding and Solicitor Rodolph Duffy appearing for the state. Both dockets are light with no cases of unusual importance, except one capital case. It is a one-week term. I note the following named visiting attorneys: H. E. Shaw, of Kingston; H. L. Stevens, of Warsaw; A. L. Grady, of Mt. Olive; W. H. Carr, of Wilmington; Henry A. Grady, of Turkey; and H. E. Faison, of Clinton. The resident lawyers are: H. G. Williams, L. A. Beasley and D. L. Carlton.

Duplin has a splendid outfit of county officials. They seem to feel that a "public office is a public trust," and therefore look after the best interests of the good as well as the bad people of "the state of Duplin," as the county is often termed on account, I suppose, of the great extent of its territory. Their names are: L. Middleton, sheriff; H. B. Pearsall, register of deeds; Herbert Smith, clerk of the court; G. G. Best, deputy sheriff; D. G. Doolittle, court crier. No one within a quarter of a mile, or somewhere about that, need fail to hear that powerful and splendid voice of Mr. Dobson when he cries out: "O, yez, O yez, this honorable court is now ready for business; God save the state and this honorable court."

I am writing this sitting on the roof of a large pine tree on what is widely known as the "bone-yard." I am told that this beautiful five or six acre lot of land got this name from being the headquarters, during court week here, for the horse traders. On this lot are many stately pines and on one corner is the Baptist church. At this writing—late in the afternoon—I see almost hundreds of horses and men of many descriptions, they are galloping and driving to and fro and making all kinds of trades. It is an interesting sight and would be a fine field for the artist. I am told that in this rush horses sometimes sell for 25 cents and that a swap has been made for an invaluable thing as a hen and her biddies. I can see from where I sit many carts from New river and other points on the coast with fish and oysters and other fresh produce, and long tables from which 10-cent meals are served. This meal includes corn bread, fish and coffee. Oysters are separate and at 25 cents. Near the tables are the fires with the skillets and coffee kettles set on pieces of bricks or rocks. Here is where the cooking is done. Horse trades here are often made by any kind of a light that can be mustered up. These interesting times at court might properly be termed the horse traders' semi-annual festival.

There was an entertainment at the James Sprunt Institute here last night which was highly creditable to all concerned. Many people attended from surrounding country. Rev. W. M. Shaw and his able assistants are doing a splendid work here. It is a progressive school.

J. A. CREWS.

ANOTHER BLIZZARD

Raging Over the Northwest—Streams Out of Their Banks.

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