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OUTLINES.

Reuben Ross, colored, was hanged in Lumberton for criminal assault. —— The total movement of cotton from September 1st last, shows receipts of 7,148,616 bales against 9,059,291 last year. —— Only routine business transacted in the Senate and House; both adjourned early for the Lawton obsequies. —— Governor Taylor of Kentucky says he will take no action in regard to the Louisville agreement. —— Senator Jones of Arkansas has introduced a face silver coinage substitute for the pending currency bill. —— General Buller has withdrawn his free to the south side of the Tugela river. —— The British home army is to be increased. —— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent., the last loan being at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 8 9 16c; flour was inactive and easier; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 76⅞c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 41⅛c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 28⅛@29c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 9.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 62 degrees; 3 P. M., 66 degrees; maximum, 75 degrees; minimum, 57 degrees; mean, 66 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 01; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .77.

Stage of water at Fayetteville 6.4 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—For North Carolina—Fair Saturday; colder in eastern and central portions. Sunday fair; fresh northerly winds.

Port Almanac—Feb. 10.

Sun Rises	6.54 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.35 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H.41 M.
High Water at Southport	4.55 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	7.25 A. M.

The American mule is figuring somewhat conspicuously on the British side in the Boer war, but he isn't responsible for any of the campaign plans of the British generals.

Tom Edison got his start from his telegraph "ticker." He intended to ask $5,000 for the model, but when a telegraph company offered him $40,000, he didn't offer any objection, but turned over the ticker and took his $40,000.

Texas steers are not great respectors of persons when they go on the rampage. Three of them which didn't like the style of proceeding at the citizen stock yards broke away the other day and jumped over three cowboys and a half dozen citizens before they could be corralled.

It is said that the consumption of wine in France is steadily decreasing. This is attributable to two causes; first the decrease in the production, and second, to the increase in the importation of beer, whiskey and other exhilarating beverages.

Mr. D. W. Holt, of New York, who has been investigating the trust question says that out of four hundred trusts which he has investigated he has found but two which have reduced prices, which shows how "beneficent" these institutions are.

The remarkable announcement is made that the Marquis of Queensberry, the recognized authority on prize ring procedure, didn't take any stock in the ring, never saw but two mills in his life and went away from each thoroughly disgusted.

A New Jersey man has been declared insane because he had a habit of sticking pins into people to see if they were alive. Some people have an extraordinary amount of curiosity. But it isn't always easy to tell whether the average New Jersey man is alive or not.

When a New Jersey girl makes up her mind to marry a fellow there is no use trying to reason her out of it. One of them eloped with her fellow the other day, and declared she would go to prison for eighteen years before she would marry any other fellow.

When Senator Butler delivered his 10,000 word effusion on the constitutional amendment, all the Senators but six escaped; but poor Pritchard was compelled, through courtesy to his colleague, to remain and submit to the affliction and appear to be interested in it.

This country pays annually in pensions $145,000,000, against $15,528,000 for Germany, $26,310,000 for France and $12,780,000 for Great Britain, or $90,532,000 more than these three combined. Yet there are a lot of pension boomers in Congress and out who are endeavoring to add many millions to this bill.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner *Alma*, Capt. Small, cleared yesterday for Fajardo with a cargo of lumber from the Kidder Lumber Company.

—The tug *Jones* yesterday morning towed to Southport the schooners *B. I. Hazard* and *John I. Snow*, lumber laden for New York.

—The steamers *Hurt and Hawes* cleared for Fayetteville and Clear Run, respectively, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The *Johnson* cleared for Clear Run a little later.

—Rev. L. W. Curtis will preach at Greenville Sound Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at East Wilmington at 3 in the afternoon. He will also preach at the Delgado Cotton Mill at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

—A board of survey, consisting of Mr. W. N. Harriss and Thos. Evans, Esq., was held yesterday to determine the disposition of the schooner *Penobscott*, which is here in distress. No decision has as yet been announced.

—To-morrow being the appointed time for the first quarterly meeting for the present conference year for Grace M. E Church, Rev. R. F. Bumpass, the presiding elder of the district, will preach both morning and night.

—The band of Brazilians, or Gypsies, as they have been popularly called, who have been camping near Seventeenth and Market streets, left here yesterday afternoon by rail for Newbern. The party numbered thirteen. They sold out their teams and wagons.

—Charlie Hankins, the pickaninny arrested Thursday afternoon for the larceny of scrap brass from the Wilmington Street Railway Company, was discharged by the Mayor yesterday morning on account of his age, and his father was advised to send him from the city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

T. D. Love—Towel soap.
J. B. & J. C. King—Fresh eggs.
Wil. Cotton Mills—Dividend notice.
G. O. Gaylord's Branch Store—We are now ready.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Dwelling house.
W. M. Cumming.—A chance.
J. S. McEachern—Clover hay.
A. S. Winsted—Be convinced.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

The following report of the receipts of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the week ending yesterday and part crop year, are posted at the Produce Exchange:

Week Ended February 9th, 1900.—Cotton, 6,752 bales; spirits, 343 casks; rosin, 7,793 barrels; tar, 2,322 barrels: crude, 229 barrels.

Week Ended February 9th, 1899.—Cotton, 2,099 bales; spirits, 221 casks; rosin, 4,405 barrels; tar, 2,702 barrels; crude, 175 barrels.

Crop Year to February 9th, 1900.—Cotton, 242,585 bales; spirits, 28,483 casks; rosin, 146,884 barrels; tar, 63,116 barrels; crude, 11,303 barrels.

Crop Year to February 9th, 1899.—Cotton, 283,678 bales; spirits, 27,144 casks; rosin, 149,933 barrels; tar, 62,154 barrels; crude, 10,548 barrels.

Utopian Literary Society.

The Utopian Literary Society met in its hall at the Tileston High School yesterday. After the transaction of the business of the society, the following programme was rendered and greatly enjoyed:

Sketch—"Life of James Russell Lowell"—Miss Elizabeth Burriss.

Sketch, "The Bigelow Papers"—Mr. J. Edwin Bunting.

Recitation, "The First Snowfall"—Mr. Julius Webster.

Sketch, "The Vision of Sir Launfal"—Miss Lavinia Gillican.

Reading, (by special request,) "The Changeling"—Miss Waitt.

Recitation, "Ambrose"—Miss Mattie Keen.

Justice Threatened.

Justice G. W. Bornemann, the popular Fifth ward magistrate, yesterday received an anonymous letter, in which were embodied some dire threats against his character and reputation. The letter ran: "The case you tried on Monday, that white boy and the negro woman. You see the woman and tell her she will not have to go to court, for if you take that woman to court, she will ruin you in your office." Justice Bornemann says he is not losing any sleep over the incident.

Dismissed Without Prejudice.

In the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Thursday, Judges Goff, Simonton, Morris and Waddill on the bench, argument was had in case No. 325, entitled North Carolina Corporation Commission, et al., appellants, vs. the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company, appellee. The appeal was from the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Raleigh. The case was, on motion of counsel for appellants, dismissed without prejudice.

Algonquin Sailed.

The revenue cutter *Algonquin* departed early yesterday afternoon for a cruise toward the South. She will be gone this trip for probably ten days and will touch as far down as Charleston.

The wharf and warehouse being constructed at foot of Princess street by the government for her use is now practically completed, and is one of the best, if not the best wharf in the city.

MANY SOCIAL EVENTS.

The Present Week Has Been One Distinguished for Its Many Delightful Society Functions.

The present week in the social world has been one fraught with many brilliant and especially elaborate society events, eclipsing both in number and splendor its predecessors during the Autumn and Winter months.

Yesterday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock, Mrs. John A. Arringdale gave at her home No. 124 South Fifth street, a pretty "pink and white" afternoon tea, to which a number of select society people were invited. Mrs. Arringdale was assisted in receiving by Miss Marie Baldwin, of Anapolis, Md., Mrs. Victor Grainger, Mrs. Ed. Lattimer, Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy, Miss Mary Nash, Miss Mabel Powers, Mrs. Burruss Corprew and others.

Last evening Mrs. Hugh MacRae handsomely entertained at cards a select party among whom were Mrs. Devereux Lippitt, Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. Victor Grainger, Mrs. A. B Skelding, Miss Annie Blount De Rosset and Miss Carrie Myers.

Miss Sarah Kenan also entertained at cards last evening a dozen guests at her home No. 110 Nun street. Among those present were Miss Annie Kidder, Miss Sue McQueen, Miss Anna Peck, Miss Lizzie Peck, Miss Mary Calder, and Messrs. Thos. Davis, Fred Dick, H. B. Peschau and George Crow.

Decidedly the prettiest and most elaborate event of the season was the tea given from 5 until 7 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. E. C. Holt in honor of her guest, Mrs. J. W. Menefee. The handsome residence was beautifully decorated with a wealth of tropical plants and flowers and delightful music was rendered by Haywood's Capital City Band, of Raleigh. Each guest at tea was presented with bouquets of American Beauty roses. Those who assisted in receiving were Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Mrs. J. P. Cotchett, Miss Kate DeRosset, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy, Miss Eliza Bellamy and Miss Annie Blount DeRosset.

THE HEARING POSTPONED.

The Bellamy-Dockery Contested Election Case Will Not Come Up Until Monday, February 19th.

The contested election case brought by Oliver H. Dockery against Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy for his seat in Congress from the Sixth District, was called yesterday morning before Election Committee No. 2, and postponed until Monday, February 19th. No action whatever was taken.

The committee which will consider the case is composed of Messrs. Weaver, Olmsted, Landis, Miller, Burke of South Dakota, Thomas of Iowa, Robinson of Indiana, Snodgrass, and Green of Pennsylvania.

IN THE POPULAR COURSE.

Sunetaro, the Japanese Wonder Worker, Entertained Last Evening.

Sunetaro, the Japanese Wonder Worker, entertained a large audience at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening, some even having declared the performance superior to that of a similar attraction on the night previous. The entertainment was the fourth number in the Popular Course of attractions and was well up to the standard of excellence of its distinguished predecessors. His curious Hindoo feats as performed by the fakirs of India in snake charming, the wonderful colors, the fairy pigeons, the Japanese umbrellas and other mystifying and mirthful specialties, won deserved applause at frequent intervals.

The fifth number in the star course at the Y. M. C. A., will be Prof. John B. DeMotte, in his illustrated lecture on "Character Building." Admission will be 75 cents. The date is Friday evening, February 16th.

Jailor Not Guilty.

A special dispatch from Clinton, N. C., says that in the case of William Fortner, formerly jailor of Sampson county, charged with aiding Archibald Kinsauls to escape from jail, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

The night following the arrest of Kinsauls, who is now in jail in Wilmington for safe keeping and under sentence to hang, a posse of his friends went to the jailor's house and forced him to go with them to the jail and release the prisoner. Kinsauls who was taken to Clinton as a witness corroborated the jailor's story, but refused to tell who his friends were. Fortner was tried at a former term for the alleged offence, but the jury failed to agree. Judge Brown is presiding at the court.

Artesian Well at Fort Caswell.

Mr. E. N. Joyce, of St. Augustine, Fla., who was awarded the contract a few days ago to bore an artesian well at Fort Caswell, recently mentioned in THE STAR, expects to ship his boring outfit and derrick here at once and will begin the work in about thirty days.

The well will have a bore of six inches in diameter, and the result is looked forward to with interest, as it will be nearer to the ocean than any artesian well on the South Atlantic coast. It will really be bored through the ocean, as Fort Caswell is on a sand island. The United States government is having it bored for the use of the garrison at the fort.

MARRIED AT WAKE FOREST.

Miss Brewer Wedded to Mr. Jno. H. Gore, Jr., at Residence of Bride's Parents on Thursday Afternoon.

A special dispatch to the Raleigh *Post* of yesterday contains the following announcement of the marriage of Mr. John H. Gore, Jr., of this city, and Miss Mary Alice Brewer, of Wake Forest, N. C.:

To-day the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brewer was the scene of a most beautiful wedding. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Alice Brewer, of Wake Forest, and Mr. J. H. Gore, of Wilmington. Rev. J. W. Lynch officiated, assisted by Rev. W. R. Royall. The parlor was gracefully decorated with palms, cotias and geraniums.

The bride entered leaning upon the arm of her father. She was attired in white armure silk made en train, with the bridal veil caught with a handsome diamond brooch—both old family possessions.

The bridesmaids wore white China silk and Gainesborough hats and carried red carnations and maiden hair ferns. Miss Julia Brewer, maid of honor, with Mr. Claude Gore, best man, and Miss Jennie Joyner with Mr. Cuthbert Martin, of Wilmington.

Only a few friends were present and the general opinion was that it was the prettiest marriage they had ever witnessed.

The bride is a graduate of Oxford Seminary, and is one of the most cultured and accomplished young women in the State.

The groom is a son of Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, and a gradutate of Wake Forest College, who has reflected honor on his alma mater in the legal profession.

Mr. and Mrs. Gore, Mr. Claude Gore, Mrs. Albert Gore, Mrs. L. B. Rogers and Mr. Cuthbert Martin, members of the bridal party, arrived in the city yesterday at noon over the Seaboard Air Line railroad and Mr. and Mrs. Gore are at home at the residence of Mrs. F. J. Mitchell, No. 7 South Fourth street.

MARRIED IN NEW YORK.

Cards Received by Friends Announce the Marriage of Mr. M. H. Curran and Miss Elizabeth Feely.

Friends in the city yesterday received handsomely engraved cards announcing the marriage in New York on Wednesday, February 7th, of Miss Elizabeth Feely to Mr. Michael Henry Curran, a popular and prominent business man of this city.

The ceremony was performed in the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Seventy-first street, at noon, by Rev. Father Matthew A. Taylor, assisted by the Rev. Father Joseph H. McMahon.

Miss Lulu A. Feely, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. Andrew Vennie, of New York, was best man. A wedding breakfast at the Sherman Square Hotel followed the ceremony.

Mr. Curran and bride are expected in Wilmington to day or to-morrow.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Examined Yesterday by the Finance Committee of Board of Commissioners.

The audit and finance committee of the Board of County Commissioners concluded its work for the month yesterday morning. The report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green for the month of January was examined as follows:

Receipts—Balance from December account, $10,054.13; road tax for Harnett township, $28; marriage licenses, $27.55; back taxes, $43.18; rent, $15. Total, $10,167.86.

Disbursements—Public buildings, $229.17; roads and bridges, $312.98; county home, $120 41; city hospital, $250; outdoor poor, $355.76; jail, $69.90; Superior Court, $26.62; Criminal Court, $155.25; county fence, $6.60; magistrates, $96.95; stationery and advertising, $26.50; attorney, $25; register, $68.70; coroner, $62.95; superintendent of health, $75; commissioners, $84.80; clerk for commissioners, $50; janitor, $45; commissions, $37.17. Total, $2,097.86; leaving balance to February account of $8,070.

Back From Cuba.

Mr. B. F. Keith returned yesterday from a three week's business and pleasure visit to Cuba and other West Indian islands. He is very much pleased with our new possessions there and speaks enthusiastically of the evidences of prosperity, considering that the little island of Cuba has just been released from the throes of war.

Matanzas, a city of 60,000 inhabitants, Mr. Keith says, is the coming town of all those in the island. It's streets are as neat and kept as clean as a new pin and the buildings are of superior architectural design and constructed of the finest material. He was not so favorably impressed with Havana, but spoke admiringly of the now famous fortifications of Morro Castle. While away, he also visited Nassau and several other islands in the group to the South of us. Mr. Keith combined, as stated, both business and pleasure with his visit and expresses himself as perfectly satisfied with the trip.

Free From Diphtheria.

Wilmington is again free from diphtheria. The last case, which was at the residence of Mr. Jeff Cate, No. 712 North Third street, was discharged yesterday and the quarantine lifted. Health Inspector Hewlett gave the premises a thorough fumigation and Dr. cMMillan is now of the opinion that the contagion has been stamped out.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Miss Bettie Johnson went to Clinton yesterday on a visit.

—Dr. L. Hussey, of Warsaw, spent yesterday in the city.

—Mr. W. E. Daniel, of Whiteville, spent yesterday in the city.

—Mr. J. B. Thigpen, of St. Philips, spent yesterday in the city.

—Mr. J. W. Spicer, of Onslow county, was on our streets yesterday.

—Capt. J. M. Horne, of Rocky Mount, arrived in the city last night.

—Mr. C. P. Parker, of Bladen county, made business calls in the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. B. Douglas, of Winston, was among the travelling men in the city yesterday.

—The pleasant smile of Mr. C. G. Southerland, Jr., now greets visitors to the office of the Purchasing Agent of the A. C. L.

—Mr. A. C. Chalmers, a travelling man well known in Wilmington, representing Messrs. D. R. James & Bro., of New York, is a guest of The Orton.

—Major James Low, Miss Stella Low, Mrs. F. I. Coe, and Mrs. E. L. Rose, all of Niagara Falls, are here on a visit to Captain and Mrs. A. D. Brown.

—Mr. Ben Hewlett, who is serving on the revenue cutter *Lott M. Morrill*, on the great lakes, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hewlett.

—Mr. John C. Bornemann, the clever assistant agent of the Cape Fear Steamboat Company, went up on the steamer *Hawes* yesterday to Clear Run on a business trip.

—Mr. J. C. Cotton, of Washington, D. C., who is in the railway mail service, was in the city yesterday. He is a brother of Capt. John W. Cotton, of the Atlantic Coast Line.

—Mr. Vance Croom, who has been very ill for more than two weeks, was sufficiently recovered yesterday to return to his home at Burgaw, where he will spend some time recuperating.

—Mr. B. F. King, city tax collector, announces that the advertised list of real estate owned by delinquent taxpayers is now being prepared. He will begin to levy on real estate and serve notices February 15th and costs will be added after that date.

WILMINGTON COTTON MILLS.

Highest Grade of Box Looms to Be Put in. Quarterly Dividend Declared.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington Cotton Mills met yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the office of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., in the Masonic Temple.

Consideration was given to the financial showing of the corporation for the past year, and to the outlook for the year 1900, both of which were most gratifying. The dividend rate on the common stock was increased from 1 per cent. per quarter to 1¼ per cent. per quarter, and a quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent. was declared, payable March 1st.

The president was authorized to put in a large number of the highest grade of drop box looms, provided satisfactory terms can be made with the loom manufacturers as to prompt deliveries.

Death of Mrs. J. D. McGeachy.

The STAR records with sorrow the death of Mrs. J. D. McGeachy, which occurred on Wednesday night at her home at Rex, Robeson county. She had been an invalid for several months and her death was not unexpected.

The deceased left a large family, of whom there are Mr. J. A. McGeachy, bookkeeper for Mr. S. P. McNair, of this city, and the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Burgaw. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a christian woman of the most exemplary character.

The funeral took place yesterday and she was buried at St. Paul beside her husband who died several months ago.

Mr. J. A. McGeachy who left here on Wednesday was with his mother when the end came.

Death of Mrs. Watrous.

Mrs. Eva Louise Watrous, wife of Dr. Erastus Watrous, the well known teacher of mental healing, No. 134 South Front street, died Thursday night of cancer, after an illness of some time. She was 47 years of age and leaves to mourn their loss, besides a sorrowing husband, two daughters and one son. The funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Elder E. Fiske from the residence, and the interment was at Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. S. Sneeden, Sam Bordeaux, Joe Everett, J. P. Montgomery, H. O. Craig and W. J. Reaves.

Pythian District Convention.

The STAR is informed that the movement to have a Pythian district convention in Wilmington some time in the Spring was started at the meeting of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, last Tuesday night. At the meeting Col. Walker Taylor and Dr. J. D. Nutt were appointed a committee to confer with committees of other lodges, looking to arrangements for the proposed gathering of Pythians in this district, which is District No. 1.

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency has excellent facilities for selling farms and timbered lands. It advertises all property and makes only a nominal charge unless a sale is made. For terms etc., address R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

A Large Force of Hands is Grading Orange Street—Eighth Street, Between Dock and Orange, Being Filled In.

Superintendent of Streets James A. Perry, with a large force of hands and carts, is making fine progress in grading Orange street from Sixth street to the depot of the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad at Ninth street. The hill between Eighth and Ninth streets is being cut down to a depth of from three to four feet. The low section of the street where Seventh street intersects is to be filled in. The sand and dirt that is being taken from the cut near the Seacoast Railroad depot is being hauled to the low part of Eighth street between Dock and Orange and that street for an entire square is being greatly improved by being filled. A force of twenty-one hands and thirteen carts is engaged on these improvements.

Superintendent Perry says that as soon as enough rock can be quarried to put the rock crusher to work, a fine macadam roadway is to be laid on Orange street from Sixth to Ninth street. Mr. J. P. Jones, superintendent of the rock quarries on Green's mill creek in East Wilmington, is making good progress in getting out rock. It is said that the limestone and shell rock being gotten out is of as good quality as the Castle Haynes rock, which as has been demonstrated, is excellent material for road making.

The drainage improvement at Second and Ann streets will be completed to-day. A brick tunnel, two feet by fourteen inches, has been run sixty feet down Ann street towards the river, and another tunnel has been connected with the main tunnel, running from Second street and forming an elbow on Ann street.

FOUR YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

Sentence of Picture Fakir Who Operated in Pender and Nash Counties.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

NASHVILLE, N. C., February 8.—I am glad to announce through your valuable paper that the picture fakir, Frank Corwin, alias D. J. Wilson, alias B. F. Thomas, alias W. H. Hamilton, who was indicted at the present term of the criminal court in Nash county, has been sentenced to a term of four years at hard labor in the penitentiary. I know some of your readers will be very glad to hear this, and I take this method of informing them of the result of the trial. I have some pictures taken from the defendant which I will be glad to return to the proper parties.

Very truly,
R. A. P. COOLEY,
Attorney for Prosecution.

Columbus Citizen Dead.

A correspondent of the STAR writing under date of yesterday from Vineland, N. C., sends the following item:

Mr. Elias Newman, one of Columbus county's most prominent citizens, died this morning at 6 o'clock, at his home near this place. He was about 65 years old, and had been in feeble health for several months, but for the last day or two he seemed unusually bright and active, and his death comes as a shock to his many friends. Mr. Newman served gallantly in the Confederate army as a member of Company H, Eighteenth N. C. Regiment, and was severely wounded at the battle of Hanover Court House. He leaves a wife, a daughter and son, who have the sympathy of friends in their sad affliction.

In For Harbor.

A special to the STAR last night from Southport says that the auxiliary yacht *Coon* of the New York Yact Club and the napatha yacht *Wavelet* are in at that port for harbor. Both are from New York bound for Florida.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

Church Notices.

Bladen Street Methodist Church: Rev. J. J. Porter will preach at 11 A. M., and at the evening service.

Immanuel Church: Services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. by Rev. Edward E. Lane. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.

The Seamen's Bethel: Regular religious services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All welcome.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor; 11 A. M., "Let Us Alone Another Year." At 7.30 P. M., "Why Some Good People Will Be Lost?"

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor. Services 11 o'clock A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting service every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 P. M. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church: Divine service at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. conducted by Rev. Dr. McPheeters, of Columbia, S. C. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M., conducted by Rev. E. E. Lane. The public cordially invited.

Second Advent Baptist Church, between Castle and Church streets. Preaching by the pastor, Elder E. Fisher, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Sunday School at 4 P. M. Prayer meetings Tuesday and Friday nights at 8. Strangers and visitors cordially invited. Seats free.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets. Rev. J. J. Payseur pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Services at Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner Fifth and Bladen streets, at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. every Sabbath, by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Porter. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.; A. P. Merritt, superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 8.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, situated on Fifth street between Nun and Church, Rev. John H. Hall, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School, J. H. Davis, supt., 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

EXECUTION AT LUMBERTON.

Reuben Ross, the Negro Rapist, Hanged at Lumberton—Confessed to Assaulting a White Woman at Rockingham.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

LUMBERTON, N. C., Feb. 9.—Reuben Ross who was convicted of rape upon Mrs. Bettie Ingram several months ago, was hanged here to day. The execution was private. Ross protested his innocence on the scaffold. The drop fell at 12.44 o'clock, and Ross' neck was broken. Death was almost instantaneous. He met his death with apparent indifference.

LUMBERTON, N. C, February 9.—Reuben Ross, convicted at the November term of the Criminal Court, of rape on the person of Mrs. Bettie Ingram, was hanged to day at 12.40 P. M. It was not known till about 10 A. M. what course the matter would take, as he had been respited three times, and hence there were not many people in town. About this time a message from Governor Russell, that he would interfere no further, was received. Ross was visited by his counsel and in the interview affirmed his innocence to the last, when urged to confess if he was guilty.

About 12.30 o'clock accompanied by his counsel and a guard he was conducted to the place of execution. A colored minister, Rev. A. G. Davis, read a passage of scripture and prayed. When asked by the deputy sheriff if he had anything to say, Ross again affirmed his innocence, and warned the people to avoid lewd women, ascribing his ruin to them. He then stepped on the trap, the deputy adjusted the noose and the black-cap and sprung the trap. Death was almost instantaneous. Ross' neck was broken by the drop, and he died without a struggle. The whole proceeding was marked by perfect quiet and order.

[By Associated Press.]

LUMBERTON, N. C., Feb. 9.—A negro named Reuben Ross was hanged here to day for criminal assault upon a white woman named Mrs. Bettie Ingram. Ross was twice reprieved by Governor Russell on account of a shower of protests from white people. These were met by equally strong protests demanding the hanging of the negro. He finally took no action, the reprieve expired and the sheriff quietly executed him to-day. He declared his innocence of this crime, but said he was guilty of the assault on a young white woman of Rockingham for which a negro, John Evans, was hanged.

The crime of which Ross was convicted was committed about 11 o'clock in the day of September 30th, 1899, near Singleton's mill, in Lumber Bridge township, Robeson county. He was tried before Judge Battle at the November term of the Criminal Court. The trial was not completed until after midnight, and on the following morning the jury reached a verdict of guilty on the first ballot.

There was the sharpest conflict of testimony in the affidavits presented by the two sides to Governor Russell, both as to the character of Mrs. Ingram, the circumstances surrounding the crime and the evidence of violence.

Both in Robeson county and elsewhere there has been much doubt as to Ross' guilt of the crime charged, though it is admitted even by his attorneys that he was a negro of shady character. He is described as having an exceedingly brutal and repulsive appearance.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dividend Notice.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington Cotton Mills have this day declared a quarterly Dividend of 1¼ per cent. on the common stock of the Company, payable on March 1st to stockholders of record.

DONALD MACRAE, Treasurer.
February 9, 1900. feb 10 tf

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Announcement.
Jno. H. Davis, formerly with the A. C. L., has bought an interest in the business of THE KING GROCERY CO., and to day enters upon his duties as manager. The business will be conducted on the same princinles upon which it has been built—SPOT CASH, NO DISCOUNT, NO TIME, NO CREDIT. Mr. Davis gives all his friends a cordial invitation to call on him at Fourth Street Bridge, where he will always be glad to welcome them.
The retiring Manager, B. F. King, desires to express his appreciation and gratitude to the public for their generous patronage during the past two and a half years, and hopes the same generous patronage, in increased proportions, will be bestowed on the business under its new management.
Respectfully,
B. F. KING,
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