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OUTLINES.

The River and Harbor bill as completed will provide for preliminary surveys to be made of certain rivers in North Carolina. The Senate is expected to give the first few days of its time to the army reorganization bill. Two trainmen killed in a collision near Melton, Miss. British steamer Irydene, from Hamburg for Wilmington, N. C., wrecked on the coast of New Foundland, crew saved. The German killed and nine wounded at Tain Tain while firing a salute. Application made for a receiver for the American Building and Loan Association of Georgia. Lord arrived in England from Wilmington. British steamer Taurus on fire, from Falmouth. Herman killed at Wilsonville. Rev. Dr. Blackwell, who has been visiting in Norfolk, will get back to the city in time and will hold prayer meeting services to night. His subject will be "Begin."

REPORT.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 3, 1901. Maximum, 50, 46 degrees; minimum, 50, 46 degrees; wind, S. W.; rain, .72; with sun to date, .74. In the Cape Fear river, N. C., at 8 A. M., water 1.5 ft above flood stage. For the day, .72; rain, .74. In the Cape Fear river, N. C., at 8 A. M., water 1.5 ft above flood stage. For the day, .72; rain, .74.

FOR TO-DAY.

Jan. 3.—For North Carolina, occasional showers, fresh to fair, except in the mountains, where rain and snow.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. Shrier—Remember. N. F. Parker—Surest way. Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—House and lot.

AN EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT.

Brown University Boys Made a Big Hit at the Y. M. C. A. Last Evening.

The Brown University Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Club appeared before a very large audience at the Y. M. C. A. last evening and it is the consensus of opinion that it was one of the best of the kind ever presented in the auditorium.

Wedding This Morning.

This morning at 8:30 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Capt. W. R. Beery, will be celebrated the marriage of Miss Lena Mintz, of this city, and Mr. A. E. McKeithan, of Greensboro. The ceremony will be conducted by Rev. R. H. Herring, an uncle of the bride. Miss Minnie McKeithan, of Town Creek, sister of the groom, is here for the wedding. Miss Henrietta Mintz, sister of the bride, will be maid of honor, and Mr. Henry McKeithan, brother of the groom, will be best man. The bride and groom will leave on the 9 o'clock train over the A. & Y. road for Greensboro, their future home.

Mechanics Installed Officers.

The following officers of Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Jr. Order United American Mechanics, were duly installed by J. P. C. J. H. Swinson, last night:

W. C. J. B. Griffith.
O. Joe F. Craig.
V. C. A. J. Hewitt.
A. B. W. B. Hall.
Conductor—E. F. Baldwin.
Warden—C. J. McKeithan.
I. S. W. F. Dunne.
O. S. D. J. Benson.
Captain—J. A. Kelly.
Trustee—J. D. ...

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Mrs. Mary J. Hitch to Mrs. Julia A. Worth, a tract of property on Greenville Sound, being a part of the ...

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LOCAL DOTS.

Cotton advanced from 94 cents to 96 cents on the local market yesterday.

Messrs. D. M. McEachern and R. H. Grant spent the holidays in and around Maxton hunting birds.

The regular monthly meeting of the Dorcas Society will be held in the Luther Memorial Building this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There will be a special convocation of Concord Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., this evening, for work in the Mark Master's degree.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday stated that Capt. W. H. Day is being spoken of as a possible successor to the Chief Justice Faircloth.

On account of the inclement weather the installation of officers by Orton Lodge of Odd Fellows was postponed from last night until next Wednesday night.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell, who has been visiting in Norfolk, will get back to the city in time and will hold prayer meeting services to night. His subject will be "Begin."

A new beach will be opened near Outway, S. C., next season. The town of Conway has been connected with the city by a railroad and a hotel and cottages are being built.

The case against Wess Odham, S. G. Watson, and Walter Bell, charging them with assaulting John Odham, will be tried at 12 o'clock to day in Justice Fowler's court.

Yesterday was one of the most disagreeable days of the season. A cold drizzling rain fell all day, continuing to make life miserable indoors and travel very inconvenient on the streets.

Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., will install officers to night. Grand Master M. W. Jacobi will be present. A number of Odd Fellows from other lodges in the city will attend the installation.

Mr. Andre Fournoy, assistant superintendent of construction of life saving stations, is here to get bids for material for the Cape Fear stations. The bids will be opened Saturday and the material is to be delivered by January 15th.

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TAX EXAMINATION.

Another Dull Day in Standing Master Shepherd's Court Here Yesterday.

NO RAILROAD WITNESSES.

Coast Line Officials Will Be Examined Later—New Hanover Citizens Were Introduced—Also Some from Brunswick and Columbus

The evidence in the railway tax assessment cases before Standing Master Shepherd in the U. S. court room here was again devoid of interest yesterday and the ginger that was expected to have been injected into the sessions by reason of the introduction of Atlantic Coast Line officials as witnesses, was lacking. It was thought that Secretary and Treasurer James F. Post, General Auditor W. A. Blach and others would be introduced in the afternoon but it was found by the attorneys of the Corporation Commission that the examination of other witnesses could not be completed in time. It is now hardly probable that the examination of the railroad officials will be reached to day.

It was hoped by the State's counsel to finish the hearing here this evening, but it looks now as if this will not be done, and the hearing at Warsaw to morrow and Saturday may have to be postponed. Col. Hinesdale, when asked about the matter last night, said he was unprepared as yet to make any announcement regarding the matter. To day's session will likely be taken up with the examination of New Hanover county assessors and others acquainted with real estate conditions here.

The examination was resumed at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning and was conducted by Messrs. Hinesdale, Connor and Gore for the State and Messrs. Rountree, Shaw and Basbee for the railroads. The first witness was Mr. E. B. Davis, port warden of Southport. He testified to a true and correct valuation of a large number of lots in his town. Messrs. Minus Meares, A. A. Williams, T. E. Bardin, J. M. Brown, S. W. Owen, M. W. Prigden, Snowden Singletary and Charles Gore, assessors from Columbus county, were also introduced and testified to similar conditions in their county.

In the afternoon New Hanover witnesses were called, of which there are about fifteen or twenty, including the railroad officials, who have been subpoenaed. Only two of this number were, however, examined yesterday. They were Mr. J. T. Kerr, of Cape Fear township, and Mr. D. McEachern, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Kerr was an assessor in 1899 and was also at one time a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina. He testified as to no uniform rule of undervaluation at the purpose of himself and his co-assessors to value real estate at its actual cash valuation. Upon cross examination he gave instances of the sale of real estate at a much higher price than the tax valuation, but gave reasons, in his opinion, for the seemingly inflated purchase figures.

Mr. McEachern testified that he was a member of the board of equalization in 1899 and an assessor in 1895; that as an assessor then, he tried to assess property at its true value in money; that in his opinion the assessors in 1899 greatly increased a number of the valuations in Wilmington; that the board of equalization greatly reduced the assessment on a great many tracts of real estate in Wilmington to near what the members of the board deemed an actual cash valuation. He detailed a number of valuable lots in Wilmington, which he considered now over-assessed. He said the purpose of the board in assessing bank stock was to place it at actual cash value and not to make an arbitrary under-assessment; that he had no knowledge of any design or plan to make a selection from my stock of equalization to under-assess property.

Mr. McEachern was rigidly cross-examined by the railroad attorneys and admitted that a number of Wilmington citizens had valued their personal property at a very low figure when considered in the light of cost price, but not with reference to what it could be sold for at cash sale. He further stated that he thought there was more cash on hand and on deposit than had been listed for taxation in the county.

Some of the other witnesses from New Hanover county for examination are Deputy Register of Deeds Jno. McLaurin, Messrs. Andrew Smith, Geo. Harris, A. D. Brown, W. F. Alexander, C. H. Alexander, D. J. Ferguson and Capt. Jno. Barry.

The hearing will be resumed this morning at the usual hour.

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