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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Burleigh substitute for the Hopkins reapportionment bill was adopted by the House. The proposition from Washington that the questions of indemnity and commercial treaties with China be considered by an international commission to meet elsewhere than at Pekin meets with the favorable consideration of the Powers. The U. S. government will adopt a vigorous line of action if the city of Panama is attacked by the revolution in Colombia. Gov. McSweney, of South Carolina, inaugurated. Lord Pauncefoot, British ambassador to the United States, will remain indefinitely in Washington. The Chinese plenipotentiaries have not yet signed the agreement with the Powers. **Deaths** between the Chinese and German troops, 300 Chinese were killed and 300 wounded. An 18-year-old son of N. B. Frazz, Bulloch county, Ala., has been carried off by kidnapers who demand \$5,000 ransom. Bill introduced in the S. C. Assembly making it a misdemeanor to employ children under 12 years of age in a cotton factory. President McKinley is sick with a well defined case of grippe. New York markets: Money on call easier at 80 1/4 per cent, last loan being at 83 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 @ 5 per cent; cotton dull, middling uplands 10 1/2; flour was again unsettled and quiet, wheat to the irregularity of wheat; wheat-spot steady, No. 2 red 89 1/2; corn—spot steady, No. 2 46 1/2; oats—spot dull, No. 2 30 1/2; rosin steady, strained common to good \$1.75; spirits turpentine steady at 40 1/2.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 8.
Temperature: 8 A. M., 39 degrees;
8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees;
minimum, 39 degrees; mean, 49 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since last of the month up to date, .97.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—For North Carolina—Fair, colder in western portion Wednesday; east to northeast winds, fresh to brisk on the coast. Thursday fair.
PORT AND SEA, January 9.
Sea Breeze..... 7 10 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 5 06 P. M.
Day's Length..... 9 H. 52 M.
High Water at Southport, 10 16 A. M.
High Water Wilmington, 12 46 P. M.

Hon. William C. Whitney, who keeps up with the trotters, says we may look for the two-minute trotter in about five years.

Some men are considerate to the last. A suicide in New York the other day left a note addressed to a gas company, containing a dollar to pay for the gas used in giving him his exit.

The Pope's physician says he gives fair promise of living to reach 100 years. The old gentleman some time ago wrote a poem giving rules for longevity and seems to be observing his rules.

Mr. Bryan's *Commoner* hasn't started yet, but there is a rush to subscribe, every mail bringing hundreds of letters from subscribers. A dozen or more extra clerks have been hired to meet the rush.

Gen. Cronje and the 2,000 Boers with him on St. Helena don't think the jig is up with their people and refuse to take the oath of allegiance to G. B. although they are having a boring time of a good deal of scurvy.

The population of the world is now estimated at 1,500,000,000 against 640,000,000 at the beginning of the past century. If this more than doubling keeps on for the coming centuries real estate will be high.

Geo. E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, estimates the output of gold in this country last year at \$79,322,231, and of silver at \$36,362,431. North Carolina's contribution was \$51,108 gold, and of silver 13,092 ounces.

Mark Hanna is quoted as having said that the two biggest mistakes made by the United States were the war on the South and the enfranchisement of the slaves. Mark is about level-headed on that, but we doubt if he said it.

A Missouri judge suggests as an improvement on the divorce laws of that State, that people who get divorces shall not marry within three years thereafter, and that they be required to live in the same county for twelve months before beginning proceedings.

According to Insurance Commissioner Young there are 28 life insurance companies and five fire insurance companies doing business in this State; 7 fewer life and 4 fewer fire than in 1899. With the smaller number the State had \$93,000,000 revenue from them in 1899, \$84,000,000 in 1899.

LOCAL DOCS.

The Audit and Finance Board will meet to-night at 8 o'clock.
The *Algonquin* arrived in port at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
Chief of Police Parmele has an important announcement in the advertising columns of to-day's STAR.
The Finance Committee of the Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon and audited bills for current expenses.
Dr. W. W. Galloway yesterday removed a small piece of iron from the eye of Mr. Hoyle Dasher, a young man from Southport.
The hour for the "Week of Prayer" services at the First Presbyterian Church has been changed from 6 o'clock to 8:30 o'clock.
Seaman Sylaid, a Mexican, from the brig *Iona*, was arrested yesterday for deserting and will be held at the police station until the vessel sails.
Sheriff MacRae has thus far collected about 95 per cent of the taxes due the county and State for the year 1900. It is a remarkably fine showing.

Capt. F. B. Rice and J. T. Borden, government steamboat inspectors, yesterday inspected the A. J. Johnson, which was down from her regular run up Black river.
Sergeant J. Leary, of Fort Caswell, left yesterday for Fort Monroe, Va., with private David G. Walsh in custody. Walsh will be court-martialed for fraudulent enlistment.
About a half mile of the sea wall at Fort Caswell has been completed. Work on the soldiers' quarters and the new dock is moving along slowly on account of a scarcity of material.

Mr. J. N. Fennell, of Harrell's Store, N. C., who has recently opened a new commission business at No. 111 North Water street, advertises for consignments of country produce and guarantees entire satisfaction.
Charlotte wants the State Firemen's Tournament this year on May 20th, the occasion of her Independence day celebration. Mr. W. C. Von Glahn, secretary of the State Association, says that it is most probable the convention and tournament will be held on this date.

Messrs. J. H. W. Casey and Thomas Davis are here to organize a local Wire Workers Union. They hope to start the organization off on Friday or Saturday night with a membership of 17. The order, it is said, is not to promote strikes but for the mutual benefit of members in another direction.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Chief of Police—Take notice.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Our loss.
Atlantic National Bank—Statement.
Business Locals.
Wanted—Hay and peas.
Reception to Miss Convere.

Beautiful Actress Entertained by Her Cousins, Mrs. F. Broadax.
Mrs. W. F. Broadax, No. 120 North Third street, charmingly entertained her relative, Miss Marion Convere, last evening. Miss Broadax was assisted in receiving by Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy, Miss Nancy M. Milton and Miss Ida Randolph.

The dining room presented a scene of extreme beauty. The table was elegantly decorated with red crepe paper gracefully extending to the four corners from the base of a miniature Christmas tree, which was laden with crystal ornaments, and the lovely candelabra, with their waxen tapers shaded with red, added to the effectiveness of the arrangement. The chandelier above was richly entwined in wild smilax and bamboo. The reception was one of simple elegance.

Special Trains to Raleigh.

For the accommodation of persons desiring to attend the inauguration of Governor Aycock at Raleigh on January 15th, the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged to run a special train from Wilmington to Raleigh and return on that date, leaving Wilmington about 6 A. M. and arriving at Raleigh about 10 A. M. Returning, the train will leave Raleigh about midnight. This train will pick up passengers at Goldsboro.
The morning train from Clinton will connect with the special at Waraw, and the A. C. L. will run a special to Clinton on the arrival at Waraw of the special from Raleigh. Round trip tickets will be on sale at reduced rates.

Associated Charities.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities was held yesterday morning. About the only matter of public interest was the adoption, at the suggestion of Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of resolutions memorializing the Legislature very earnestly to establish a reformatory for youthful criminals in the State. Col. A. M. Waddell was appointed a personal representative to present the matter to the proper committee of the General Assembly. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting of the association on February 5th.

Local Board of Fire Underwriters.

At the annual meeting of the local Board of Fire Underwriters, held yesterday, all the officers were re-elected, as follows: President, Dr. W. W. Harris; vice president, J. H. Boatwright; secretary and treasurer, E. M. Boatwright.

WILMINGTON BANKS.

Annual Meetings of Stockholders of the Local National Institutions Held Yesterday.
EXCELLENT REPORTS MADE.
Proceedings Consisted of Election of Officers and Transaction of Routine Business—City Has Reason to Be Proud of All of Them.

Wilmington is surpassed by no city in the State, and few in the South, in the matter of the number and influence of its banking institutions, and the result of the annual meetings of the stockholders of these each year about this time are always cause for congratulation with observant people who are loyal to their city and rejoice in its industrial development and progress.

The Atlantic National, Murchison National and Wilmington National banks each held its annual meeting yesterday and the showings made by the several reports read are very flattering and indicative of a very healthy condition of affairs.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.
The stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank met in the President's office at 11 o'clock A. M. Mr. P. L. Bridges was called to the chair and Mr. Andrew Moreland acted as secretary. The committee on proxies reported that 888 shares were represented in person and by proxies, and this being a majority of the stock, the chairman declared the meeting ready for business.

President Norwood made his annual report, showing that the net profits for the past year amounted to \$30,879.87, which is 247 1/2 per cent on the capital, out of which two dividends of 4 per cent each were declared to stockholders, leaving 16 7/10 per cent to be added to the surplus fund. The report was ordered spread upon the minutes.

In a general discussion among the stockholders, in answer to questions, President Norwood and Vice President Gore expressed the opinion that the assets of the bank were worth more than the book value, and could easily be liquidated, paying each stockholder fully \$200 for each \$100 invested less than nine years ago.

On motion, the following Board of Directors was unanimously elected: P. L. Bridges, J. W. Norwood, D. L. Gore, G. A. Norwood, S. P. McNair, H. B. Short, W. E. Springer, E. J. Powers, H. L. Volders, C. W. Wright and J. L. Coker.

After adjournment of the stockholders' meeting the new board of directors met and elected Mr. J. W. Norwood president; Mr. D. L. Gore, vice president; Mr. Andrew Moreland, cashier, and Mr. F. J. Hayward, Jr., assistant cashier. Mr. C. W. Wright was chairman of the meeting and Mr. Andrew Moreland, secretary.

MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK.
At the same hour the stockholders of the Murchison National Bank met in second annual session in the office of the president, Mr. H. C. McQueen. Col. Walker Taylor was made chairman and Mr. J. V. Grainger secretary. It was ascertained by a committee consisting of Messrs. John D. Bellamy, Jr., 3rd., R. W. Wallace and M. J. Corbett, that 750 shares of stock were represented in person and 490 by proxy, making a total of 1,240 out of 2,000 shares; whereupon the meeting was declared duly organized.

President McQueen made his annual report, showing the very healthy condition of the bank's affairs and congratulating the stockholders upon the attainment of the institution to its present high rank in the commercial world. It was shown that the net profits of the bank since its organization March 1st, 1899, were \$34,000.

The following board of twelve directors was elected instead of fifteen as on the year before: Messrs. K. M. Murchison, N. Jacobi, A. B. Nichols, J. C. Stevenson, W. G. Whitehead, W. B. Cooper, M. J. Corbett, J. A. Springer, T. M. Emerson, R. W. Wallace, J. V. Grainger and H. C. McQueen.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. H. C. McQueen was re-elected president and Mr. J. V. Grainger was re-elected cashier of the bank.

NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON.
The sixth annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Wilmington was held in their banking house at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Gabriel Holmes was called to the chair and Mr. George R. French was made secretary. Messrs. Wm. Calder and J. G. L. Gieschen, as a committee appointed for that purpose, ascertained that a majority of the stock was represented either in person or by proxy and the meeting was declared duly open for business. President Armstrong read his report, which was highly satisfactory and congratulatory to stockholders.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. Wm. Calder, Wm. E. Worth, G. P. R. French, J. G. L. Gieschen, Gabriel Holmes, Jas. H. Chadbourne, Jr., Hugh MacRae, Junius Davis, C. W. Yates and Jno. S. Armstrong.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Jno. S. Armstrong was re-elected president, Mr. Wm. Calder, first vice president; Mr. James H. Chadbourne, Jr., second vice president, and Mr. Jos. W. Yates, cashier.

—Mr. W. H. Stone, the clever book-keeper for Messrs. Stone, Rourke & Co., is on a visit to his parents at Shalotte, N. C.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. L. C. Bass, of Goldsboro was here yesterday.
Mr. B. G. Worth left yesterday for Petersburg, Va.
Miss Mary Hall left yesterday for Roseboro, to visit friends.
Mrs. E. P. Boatwright and little son arrived last night from Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, Jr., left last night for Richmond.
Mrs. W. W. Holladay and Miss Mary Cole have returned from a visit to New York.
Miss Lillie Gilchrist left last night to resume her studies in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. George W. Cherry and son, of Norfolk, arrived in the city last evening.
Mrs. George Rountree and Mr. Platte W. Davis left last night for New York.
Mr. Peter Ronk returned yesterday to his home after spending several days in the city.

Mr. Alf. Jewett has taken a position with the Cottrill Saddlery Company, of Richmond, Va.
Mr. James H. MacFarlane has accepted a position in the transportation department of the A. C. L.

Mrs. Bruce Williams and daughter, Miss Maggie Williams, of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city.
Miss Susie Stone, of Shalotte, N. C., has returned to Oxford to resume her studies at the Oxford Seminary.

Mr. Charles Pearson, the well-known architect of Raleigh, and Mr. W. L. Holt, of Fayetteville, were arrivals in the city yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Willard left yesterday for Raleigh. Mr. Willard goes to take up his duties as a member of the Legislature from New Hanover.

Mr. W. A. Caldwell, of Salem, Va., formerly bookkeeper for the Roanoke Chemical Company, this city, has taken a similar position with W. B. Cooper.
Mrs. E. P. Webber, wife of Chief Engineer Webber, of the *Algonquin*, and daughter, Miss Webber, arrived last evening from Washington, D. C., and will make Wilmington their home while Mr. Webber remains on that station.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Elected Officers for the Ensuing Year. Meeting Largely Attended.
The Woman's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association met yesterday morning in annual session and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
President—Mrs. B. F. Hall.
Secretary—Miss Clara Woodward.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Howell.

The following vice presidents were chosen from the various churches: Mrs. W. J. Crosswell, First Presbyterian Church; Mrs. A. D. McClure, St. Andrew's Presbyterian; Miss Sallie Lane, Immanuel Presbyterian; Mrs. C. G. Voigt, St. Paul's Lutheran; Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, St. Matthew's Episcopal; Mrs. R. H. Boery, Market Street Methodist; Mrs. C. C. Covington, Grace Methodist; Mrs. J. E. Hall, Fifth Street Methodist; Mrs. J. E. Bunting, St. John's Episcopal; Mrs. L. S. Belden, St. Paul's Episcopal; Mrs. J. J. Porter, Bladen Street Methodist.

There was a large attendance of ladies upon the meeting and tea was served while it was in progress. The ladies are planning for an "Echo Meeting" to be held in March.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

Annual Session in Raleigh—A Large Attendance—Centennial Celebration of Hiram Lodge.
[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8.—The Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina met here in annual session to-night, Grand Master B. F. Royster of Oxford, presiding. It will be in session until Thursday afternoon. The attendance is the largest in the history of Masonry in North Carolina. Very many more members and visiting brethren are expected to arrive to-morrow.

The annual address by the Grand Master was a lengthy and comprehensive document, and an especially notable feature was the reference to the growth of Masonry in the State, the report showing that there are now 311 lodges, aggregating a membership of 11,500. This gives a gain of nine lodges and 377 members during the past year.

Following the address there were reports from Grand Treasurer William Simpson, of Raleigh, and Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, after which the lodge took a recess for the evening in order that the centennial celebration of Hiram Lodge, of Raleigh, could be held, the members of the Grand Lodge to be guests of honor during the ceremonies.

Before the Mayor.
A. Goldberg was tried by Mayor Waddell yesterday for peddling goods without a license. He was fined \$25 and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., his counsel, took an appeal from the decision to the Criminal Court.

Gilbert Talair, colored, was sent to the county roads for 30 days for being drunk and disorderly.
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.

THE STATE PENITENTIARY.

A Minority of the Board of Directors Protest Against the Premature Adoption of Reports.
[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8.—There was a lively session of the Board of Directors of the State Penitentiary this morning, during which the minority, including Legrand, Young, Cotton and Denmark, had their votes recorded as a protest against what they termed "snap judgment" and premature adoption of the reports of Superintendent Day and the executive board of the prison. Ballard also joined in the protest without asking that his vote be recorded against the adoption of the reports. The charge of snap judgment was on the ground that the meeting this morning was intentionally called and action taken on the adoption of the reports before they (the protestors) reached the prison, by those members who spent the night in the executive building, and the charge of premature adoption was on the ground that the board should investigate for themselves as to the accuracy and completeness of the reports and recommend from personal knowledge after such investigation. The advocates of adoption contended there was no snap judgment, the board having waited for the absent members from the hour when recess was taken until 9:35 o'clock before proceeding to transaction of business, and that the confidence they reposed in their (the board's) officials was ample warrant for the adoption of their reports by the board of directors.

The discussion developed some unpleasantness of rather a personal character between several members.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Democrats in Caucus—Walter E. Moore Nominated for Speaker of the House. Other Officers Chosen.
[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., January 8.—The caucus of Democratic members of the House of Representatives met to-night. Hon. F. D. Winston called the body to order and ex-speaker H. G. Connor, of Wilson, was made temporary presiding officer of the caucus. Lee R. Wright, of Rowan, was elected secretary. Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, from Cleveland, assistant secretary. Hon. Walter E. Moore, of Jackson, was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Speaker of the House by unanimous vote.

Other officers were nominated as follows:
Brevard Nixon, of Charlotte, for chief clerk; Capt. Frank Bennett, of Anson, doorkeeper; G. B. Howell, of Montzomery, assistant doorkeeper; W. W. Wilson, of Wake, reading clerk; J. H. Foville, of Duplin, engraving clerk.

Representative M. S. Willard, of New Hanover, made a motion that a committee of five be appointed to devise some new method for conducting the work in the office of the enrolling and engraving clerk. The motion was defeated.

All of the members of the House are in the city, with three or four exceptions. Late to-night there was a joint Democratic caucus of both houses.

The caucus of Democratic Senators to-night selected the following officers of that body:
President pro tem, Henry A. London; Principal Clerk, A. J. Maxwell; Reading Clerk, Frank A. Clinard; Sergeant-at-arms, J. B. Smith; Assistant Doorkeeper, George Biggsstaff.

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GEODETIC MATTERS.

Produce Exchange Endorsed Resolutions Prepared by the State Geologist.
FORWARDED TO CONGRESS.
Matter of Forests Also Taken Up and Preservation of Same Urged—The Regular Monthly Meeting Held Yesterday Morning.

Four resolutions presented by State Geologist Holmes for consideration by the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange relating to geodetic and forestry matters were adopted by that body at the regular meeting held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The subjects treated are of little interest to the general public, and a synopsis of the same, prepared by Prof. Holmes and accompanying the resolutions, is as follows:

Resolution "A" relates to the surveys and examinations of our forests. This work, thus far, has been limited to the 39 National forest reserves and the territory adjacent thereto, in the Western States. The forests in the Southern States are being destroyed (by cutting and burning) so rapidly that unless some new policy is adopted throughout the country, our timber supplies will soon be a matter of the past. As a basis of any new intelligent forestry policy it is necessary that the existing forests be carefully mapped and examined; and what this resolution asks for is that the forest surveys now being carried on by the government also be extended so as to include these forests in the Southern States.

Resolution "B" asks for an extension and enlargement of the government work of examining and measuring the surface streams in the hill country and the underground or artesian water supplies in the low lands; so that our water resources in both these directions in the Southern States may be determined more accurately and rapidly. The larger portion of this work now done is carried on in the Western States.

Resolution "C" relating to the public roads improvement, does not propose that the Federal government go into the business of road building in the Southern States. But the public road movement is making such slow progress in the South, where its need is perhaps greater than in any other portion of the country, that the resolution in asking for an increase in the government appropriation for the investigation of road building materials and how they can be used to the best advantage, intends to urge upon Congress this increase in order that the government bureau having this work in charge may operate more liberally with the officials and people in the different Southern States, in the hope that this will aid and stimulate the road road movement.

Resolution "D" The Government has already established out of the public lands in eleven different States and territories of the West, national parks and forest reserves, including something more than 70,000 square miles. The present wide spread movement to which this resolution relates has in view the establishment by the Government of National Forest Reserve and Park in the southern Appalachian mountains, including limited portions of southwestern Virginia, western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, with a portion of the mountain area in Georgia and South Carolina. It is a matter that has been carefully investigated by the best forest experts of the country, and is most heartily approved by the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, who will recommend prompt action on the part of Congress looking to the securing of these lands before they are all disposed by the lumbermen. This measure has also been approved of by all the leading forestry associations and the larger scientific societies of the country, and by many of the chambers of commerce in the five States more especially interested in the measure.

The resolutions were discussed at some length by those present and upon suggestion of Prof. Holmes, copies of the resolution as adopted were forwarded to Hon. John D. Bellamy, Senators Pritchard and Butler with a request that Senator Pritchard present copies of each to the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture. These matters will also be taken up at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be held to-morrow afternoon at the usual hour.

Mr. W. B. Cooper, president of the Exchange, presided over the meeting yesterday and those in attendance were Messrs. M. J. Heyer, H. W. Malloy, Col. Walker Taylor and Col. John L. Cantwell, the secretary.

Mr. H. W. Malloy, chairman of the committee on Harbor and Anchorage and upper Cape Fear river improvement, reported progress and proposed action as to mooring dolphins in place of the proposed anchorage basin; also progress as to the Cape Fear improvement. The printed letter of the Secretary of War, covering the report of the local engineer's office in the premises, was placed on Change for the benefit of members.

The secretary and treasurer was instructed to change the membership of Walker Taylor & Metts to Col. Walker Taylor.

Port Paragraphs.
Schooners *Eva A. Danenhauer* and *Wanola*, from Philadelphia and the West Indies, respectively, arrived at Southport yesterday, the former with a cargo of fish scrap and the latter in ballast for a cargo of lumber.

The schooner *Robert A. Snyder*, lumber laden, from Wilmington to New York, passed out at Southport at 10 A. M. yesterday.

British schooner *Preference* and brig *Imco* cleared yesterday with cargoes of lumber for San Domingo and the Jamaica Islands, respectively.

Mr. Robt. N. Nash promoted.
Mr. Robt. N. Nash has been appointed private secretary to Traffic Manager T. M. Emerson, of the A. C. L., to succeed Mr. E. E. Roby, who resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the Southern Railway at Washington.

THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.

Statement of condition at close of business December 13, 1900.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 794,494 16	Capital	\$ 1,000,000 00
U. S. Bonds	216,100 00	Surplus and undivided profits	150,990 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	10,000 00	Reserve for bad debts	100,000 00
Due from banks, savings and trust	200,000 00	Deposits	1,350,990 00
Redemption fund	5,000 00		
Cash	129,990 12		
	\$1,466,774 17		\$1,466,774 17

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E. J. POWERS, H. B. SHORT, W. E. SPRINGER, H. L. VOLDERS,
C. W. WORTH, J. W. NORWOOD.

SCORED A BIG SUCCESS.

North Carolina Act Appeared Before Large and Fashionable Audience.
An unusually large and select audience witnessed the play at the Opera House last night, the occasion being not alone the excellence of the piece, "My Daughter-in-Law," but the appearance as leading lady and interpreter of the title role of Miss Marion Convere, a Charlotte society lady and member of a well known and prominent Southern family.

The play itself was a pronounced success and Miss Convere, in making her theatrical debut to a fashionable Wilmington audience, exceeded the fondest hopes of her warmest admirers. As an actress of real ability and charm she has been excelled by none of the many stars that have been with the higher class of attractions at the theatre this season.

The costumes were elegant, stylish and beautiful and every member of the cast portrayed his or her part with the ease and grace characteristic only of people very high in the theatrical firmament.

FIRE AT HAMLET.

Eight Stores Burned in Thriving Village on the Seaboard Air Line.
On account of the falling and explosion of a kerosene lamp in the store of the Hamlet Cheap Store Company, at Hamlet, N. C., on Monday night, eight stores and a number of dwellings on the north side of the railroad were destroyed in that town. The loss in the store in which the fire originated was about \$4,000 and the loss to the grocery stock of R. K. Gregory was about \$1,500. The other losses in the aggregate were about \$8,000, with partial insurance.

To City Subscribers.
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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 prompt and regular delivery.

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Something New.
Nothing But.
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Secretary and Treasurer.

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