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OUTLINES.

A battle is expected between the revolutionists and government forces in Venezuela, at the town of Puerto Cabello. Cholera in Manila is spreading. The bell tower of St. Mark's church, Venice, collapsed; there were no fatalities, but a few persons were injured. Gen. Chaffee was succeeded in the Philippines by Gen. Davis. U. S. government adheres to its request that the revolutionists in the Philippines be withdrawn. Passenger train on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad held up by masked men; two safes were broken open and robbed and passengers were relieved of their money and valuables. Chas. G. Latta, of Raleigh, N. C., in hospital in New York city; slightly better last night. Negro who assaulted a white woman near La Fayette, Ga., was captured and a lynching is expected. Striking freight handlers in Chicago and railroad managers in Chicago, Illinois, are in a deadlock. New York markets: Money on call steady at 2 1/4 per cent. Flour steady; spirits turpentine dull at 67 1/2; cotton quiet at 9 5/16; flour steady; wheat, spot firm, No. 2 red, 77 1/2; elevator; corn—spot No. 2, 72 1/2; at elevator; oats—spot, 65 1/2.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M.
Temperature: 3 A. M., 75 degrees; 10 A. M., 77 degrees; maximum, 84 degrees; minimum, 68 degrees; mean, 76 degrees.
Rainfall: .00; rain fell since last month to date, 1.40.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY:
WASHINGTON, July 14.—For North Carolina: Scattered showers and thunderstorms Tuesday and Wednesday; light variable winds.
Peri Almanac—July 15.

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Senator Hawley says Senator Hoar may on the Philippine question, and that doubtless reciprocates by supporting Hawley and the balance of the expansionists at loot mad.

The Boston anti-imperialists are going to get even with the other party by inviting Aginaldo and putting him on the lecture platform.

The estate of the late H. B. Plant, of Connecticut, has increased in value since his death in 1899 from \$7,000,000 to \$26,000,000. The executors received each \$161,625 for their services.

Woman's rights are recognized by at least one St. Louis judge, who has decided that a woman has the right to explore her husband's pockets and appropriate any change he may find lying loose there.

We are sending school teachers and drivers to the Philippines, and in the enlightened State of Pennsylvania—a man and a woman, are on trial on a charge of being witches.

The Atlanta Journal remarks that it is almost impossible to pick up a Northern paper these days without finding a poem to the Georgia peach. The average Georgia paper makes the Georgia peach a symphony of poems.

Harry Tracy, the Oregon outlaw, who has killed eight men and wounded several more, has proved more than a match for his pursuers and his blood hounds put on his track. He got ahead of the blood hounds by sprinkling red pepper in his tracks.

Some of the newspapers are discussing the automobile danger. But there ought to be no automobile danger if the autos were managed as they ought to be. They clip along in Europe without running over people and they can do in this country, too if they are handled right.

Indications are that this will be a record-breaking corn year, the estimate of the United States Department being for a crop of 2,500,000,000 bushels, more than 1,000,000,000 bushels larger than the crop of last year, which was short. Our Western friends will have corn "to turn" if the winter be cold and fuel light.

Abraham Stimmer, an Iowa, millionaire, believes the college and library donation business is being overdone, and proposes to donate ten millions to establishing hospitals for women in distress and homes for aged people. He couldn't put it to better use. He says he got his money from the people and is going to give it back to the people.

BURGLARIES GALORE AT DELGADO MILLS.

Thieves Paid a Lengthy and Profitable Visit to This Community Sunday and Got Away Safely.

Delgado received a wholesale visit from burglars Sunday morning and as a result several citizens of that place are minus money and other valuables. The boldest depredation was at the Nichols boarding house, where several of the occupants were chloroformed and \$7 in money and a watch stolen. The watch belonged to Mr. Walter Nichols.

Another victim was Mr. James P. Wallace, a shoemaker, whose house was broken into and robbed of \$33.05, a gold watch valued at \$85 and a small pocket-knife. The robbery occurred between midnight Saturday and 4 o'clock Sunday morning, as at the latter time Mr. Wallace awoke and discovered the burglar.

At the home of Mr. Lucian Williamson the thieves fished his clothing out of his sleeping chamber through a window and obtained \$2.10 from his pants pockets. Mr. J. T. Latham's residence was also entered and \$7 stolen, together with a number of papers. A watch and a small amount of money were also stolen from the dwelling of Mr. James Ezell.

All of the houses, except Mr. Latham's, were entered through windows. At Mr. Latham's residence the front door was boldly utilized as a means of entrance.

Other attempts were made to break in houses, but fortunately were not successful.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Knight's excursion yesterday to Raleigh carried several hundred people.

— The drinking fountain for excursionists is now almost ready for use at the western end of Market street plaza.

— Mr. W. H. Yopp last night delivered an able address on Pythianism before Stonewall Lodge Knights of Pythias.

— The funeral of the late Capt. James A. Smith was held Sunday morning at the Marine Hospital. The remains were expressed for interment to Machias.

— The "Social Evening" at the Young Men's Christian Association to night will be especially attractive, as a fine programme of games, etc., has been mapped out.

— The members of Linden Grove of Druids are called out this afternoon to attend the funeral of their late brother, R. J. Steljes. They will meet at their hall on Third street at 3:30 o'clock.

— The STAR, with a host of friends, sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. Keener Westbrook over the death of their bright little son, Pearsall, aged fifteen months. The funeral will take place this morning.

Property Transferred Yesterday.
Four deeds were filed yesterday at the office of the register of deeds, as follows: Betsy K. Price, et al. to Sarah E. Taylor, lot on Orange street, between Fifth and Sixth, for \$1,625.

R. G. Grady to L. V. Grady, a piece of property on Second street, between Grace and Walnut, for \$1,100.

The Holmes Grocery Company to Edward Boshae, a piece of property on Tenth street, between Market and Dock, for \$400.

Marsden Bellamy, Jr., commissioner, to Herbert McClammy, a tract of land on Ninth street, between Nixon and Taylor, for \$40.

Death of Mrs. Johnston.
The STAR deeply regrets to announce the death of Mrs. Julia M. Johnston, which occurred last Friday at the home of Mr. J. T. Collins at Burgaw. The remains were interred at Wallace, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. J. W. Martin, pastor of the Methodist church. The deceased was a true Christian woman and was greatly beloved by a host of friends.

Sweeney Back Home.
— Mr. Norcom Sweeney, the only pitcher the Wilmington League team possessed and to whose box work was due nearly all of the few victories, returned Sunday from Raleigh. Right-fielder Holland, another clever player, accompanied him back, but left last night to join Tarbor, and play in the Eastern Carolina League.

Krause is now playing with the Kingston team.

Quartermaster Here.
Col. Schteingler, quartermaster of the Fifth Georgia Regiment, which is to go in camp at the Hammocks this week, arrived Sunday to superintend the preparatory work at the camp and get everything in readiness. He was accompanied by his family and they are now guests at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Masonic—Meeting Wil. Lodge. Druids, Linden Grove—Notice. Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company—\$10,500,000 bonds for sale.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
Lost—Clover leaf pin. Wanted—Young man. Wanted—Good barber. B. H. J. Ahrens—For rent. For Rent—Furnished cottage.

COAST LINE DOINGS.

Circular Issued Extending Assistant Freight Agent Perrin's Jurisdiction.

FREIGHT CLAIM CLERKS HERE
Express Car Full of Records Also Arrived Sunday—Plenty More to Come—The Corps of Rate Clerks Will Be in Wilmington To-day.

The jurisdiction of Assistant General Freight Agent Ferrin, of the Greater Atlantic Coast Line, has been extended, according to the following circular issued yesterday from the office of the traffic department:

"On and after July 15th, 1902, the publication of tariffs and the notation of rates and divisions for account of this company will be under the jurisdiction of the assistant general freight agent at Wilmington. All communications relating to tariffs or divisions issued heretofore by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the Plant System and future issues by the consolidated lines and all requests for quotations of rates and divisions, heretofore addressed to the general freight agents at Wilmington and Savannah, will be addressed to J. W. Perrin, assistant general freight agent, Wilmington, N. C.

"JAMES MENZIES, General Freight Agent, Second Division, Savannah, Ga.

"R. A. BRAND, General Freight Agent, First Division, Wilmington, N. C.

Approved: W. M. EBERSON, Assistant Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.

Aside from the usual hustle and bustle of business, yesterday was an exceedingly busy one at the Coast Line offices. The detachment of claim clerks from the old Plant System's office in Savannah arrived Sunday night and had to be installed, and an express car load of old claim documents also arrived and had to be properly placed. There are hundreds of old records yet to come.

The corps of rate clerks for the assistant freight agents' office will reach the city to-day.

DEATH OF J. D. STELJES.

One of Our Well Known German Citizens Passes Into Eternity.

Mr. J. D. Steljes, who has been in ill health for the past two years, and who was taken suddenly worse a few days ago, died yesterday at his residence, corner Tenth and Market streets. He had been improving very rapidly for the past six months, and it was thought he was on the road to recovery, but the end came last night about 7 o'clock.

Mr. Steljes came to Wilmington when he was about seventeen years of age, and began life as a clerk until he launched in business for himself at the corner of Thirteenth and Market streets, where he carried on a mercantile business until a few months ago.

The deceased was born in Schluersdorf, Hanover, Germany. He was a man of much personal magnetism and had many friends.

The funeral will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

LEAGUE NO MORE.

Death of the North Carolina League is Officially Announced—Durham Did Not Like Raleigh's Selfishness.

The North Carolina four-club league died in its infancy yesterday. The sad story is told in the following Raleigh special received by the STAR last night:

"The four-club State Baseball League went to pieces to-day, when Durham declined to go to Newbern to play this week, according to schedule. Durham disbanded, forcing Newbern out. Raleigh will play Greensboro in that city this week and in Raleigh all next week. Durham claimed that it was unfair for Raleigh and Greensboro to catch both the State Convention and Firemen's Tournament. It is possible that Raleigh and Greensboro will play a series of exhibition games at various towns after the engagement here next week. A spirited game in Greensboro to-day resulted in a victory for Greensboro by a score of 6 to 1.

A telegram from Newbern says the team there went on the diamond prepared to play Durham, but that team not appearing, Umpire Mac declared the game forfeited to Newbern, 9 to 0. The Newbern team is scheduled to play the Greensboro team. C. L. Stevens has wired President Busbee demanding a meeting of the clubs remaining in the league to wind up the affairs according to the league constitution. Busbee says there is no possible chance to place Durham's franchise elsewhere, so the league must go to the wall.

"Capt. Stockdale, Durham, left to-day for Newark, N. J., where he has signed for the rest of the season. He says he will be followed by Dabney of Greensboro, Devin, of Newbern, and Weaver and Applegate, of Charlotte."

Degado's Pastor "Pounded."
Rev. J. W. Wheeler, the first pastor to locate at Delgado, has accented at ready in popularity by his charming manner, and this is attested by the "hard pounding" he and his wife received a few nights ago. Fully two scores of people of the thrifty little community participated in the "pounding," which was really a delightful affair.

The members of the Second Regiment Band are expected to report at the Light Infantry armory to-night at 7:30 o'clock in citizens' dress to go on the moonlight excursion.

The Board of Audit and Finance meets this afternoon.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PENSION BOARD.

Both Met Yesterday Afternoon at the Court House and Held Short Sessions—Routine Matters.

The Board of County Commissioners met in an adjourned session yesterday afternoon, and afterwards met in regular monthly session with the Pension Board.

At the meeting of the county fathers all the members of the board were present, Commissioners McEachern, (chairman), Holmes, Vollers, Montgomery and Alexander.

The first matter considered was the change of the public roads, desired by Mr. Pembroke Jones, on his land at Wrightsville Sound. The commissioners visited the sound last week and investigated the matter, consequently the following resolution was presented and adopted:

"Resolved, That section 4 of the county road in Harnett township be discontinued from a point on said road at or near Anthony Nixon's line to the northern line of a ditch known as Lar-din ditch, and that in lieu of said discontinued road a road be laid out and built along the northern line of lands now occupied by Pembroke Jones and thence along a route as proposed in a map made by Joseph H. McCre at the expense of the petitioner Pembroke Jones, but that the present road remain a public road till the terms are complied with."

An application was received from the Hanover Land Improvement Company asking for reassessment of tax valuation on their property in Cape Fear township. It was referred to Commissioners Holmes, Montgomery and Alexander to investigate and report back.

The Board granted liquor licenses to Frank E. Brown, L. Sutherland, J. H. Woebse and the Hanover Seaside Club, of Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. C. H. Robinson, Jr., now of Atlanta, appeared before the Board in the interest of a lock typewriter, made by the Elliott-Hatch Typewriter Manufacturing Company, especially to copy court records in books. The machine is a very fine one and saves much labor and space, as it is easily adjustable to any book and makes a clear, durable print.

Mr. Robinson explained the advantages of the machine and its great use to registers of deeds, who have many legal documents to copy.

After hearing Mr. Robinson and seeing the machine work the matter was referred to the chairman and Commissioner Vollers.

Upon adjournment the commissioners met in joint session with the Pension Board, the members present being Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court, Col. W. L. DeRosset and Messrs. Walter G. MacRae and Geo. H. Huggins.

Pensions were granted to W. J. Brown, Rufus Register, Samuel J. Rowan, Chas. Cowles, Rufus Strickland, Margaret Holmes, widow of John W. Holmes, Isabella Carteret, widow of Luke R. Carteret, and Elijah Williamson, widow of Abraham Williamson.

SIXTH STREET BRIDGE.

It is Shortly to Be Repaired and Opened Again to the Public.

Sixth street bridge is to be opened again. Then, when the one on Fifth street gets into place, there will be three good bridge connections with Brooklyn. The opening of the old Fifth street bridge, abandoned a year or so ago, was decided upon by the Streets and Wharves Committee of the Board of Aldermen. They looked into the matter thoroughly and, which, of course, is to be repaired.

Bids for doing the work will be called for immediately, and the contract will probably be awarded within ten days.

At first it was thought that under the first street contract with the Greater Coast Line the bridge, which is the lowest on the line of the railroad, could not be reopened, but this was an error, as the contract only prohibits building another similar bridge at this point.

CARS ONLY NIGHTLY.

Will Be Programme for the Delgado Line Except on Sundays.

Cars on the Delgado trolley line will only be run nightly, from 7:30 o'clock until about midnight, except Sunday, when an all day service will be in vogue. The work of construction on the line makes it impossible to run the cars every day.

Sunday was a big day for travel on the line and every car that scooted along every ten minutes was loaded with passengers. One car alone hauled to and fro 1,700 people. The trip is a delightful one.

By the next Sabbath work on the line will be progressed far enough to permit of a ride a considerable distance beyond the mills.

Off to the State Convention.

New Hanover county's delegates to the State convention, which meets tomorrow in Greensboro, leave to-day. The names of those who will attend, as appeared in the STAR Sunday, are Judge E. K. Bryan, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., Herbert McClammy, Esq., T. W. Davis, Esq., Major W. H. Bernard and Messrs. W. E. Worth and F. H. Siedman. Congressman John D. Bellamy will also attend.

Hon. J. W. S. Robinson, a delegate from Sampson county, arrived in the city yesterday, and will go to Greensboro this morning.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Most Important Meeting of the Year Held Last Night at the Court House.

SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONED.
Treasurer and Superintendent Present Interesting Reports—Educational Rally Next Month—New School Committee Appointed.

The Board of Education held its most important meeting of the year last night. It was of more moment for the fact that it was the first one to be held subsequent to the closing of the school year and the regular semi-annual apportionment of the school fund had to be made, and various annual reports passed upon.

Col. W. A. Johnson, chairman, and Mr. W. H. Sprunt were the members present. Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of public instruction, and Mr. H. McL. Green, county treasurer, were also present. The former acted as secretary.

After the meeting was called to order, the first business was the presentation of the county treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$13,008.78. The report was accepted and ordered filed.

The balance showed by the treasurer's report as being on hand was apportioned as follows:

Contingent fund reserved (according to law), \$500; District No. 1, (Wilmington), \$3,430.38; District No. 2, (Wilmington), \$3,496.22; Cape Fear township, \$221; Federal Point township, \$236; Masonboro township, \$232; Harnett township, \$916.15. Total, \$9,128.71.

This made the amount actually apportioned \$8,628.71, which with the \$500 contingent fund and several thousand dollars allotted to city schools at last January meeting, makes an exact balance with the sum reported on hand by the treasurer.

The amount assigned to each school was just enough for the running expenses of that school, with what money each had on hand, until the next apportionment meeting six months hence.

The county superintendent of public instruction, Prof. Catlett, presented two reports, one a statistical statement to be sent to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner.

Both reports were very able and enlightening documents, and the statistical one made the following interesting showing for the past year:

Number of white children in the county of school age (6 to 21), 1,837 males and 1,917 females; number of colored, 1,843 males and 2,302 females. Total, 3,754 whites and 4,205 colored.

Number of white children enrolled, 1,038 males and 1,186 females; number of colored enrolled, 796 males and 1,083 females. Total, 2,174 whites and 1,849 colored.

Average attendance, 1,554 whites; 1,085 colored; number of schools for whites, 17; for colored, 14; valuation of school property for whites, \$82,100; for colored, \$18,400; assessment value of all property of whites, \$7,890,784; for colored, \$470,657; number of polls listed by whites and returned for taxation, 2,098; by colored, 1,531; number of insolvent white polls, 417; colored, 600.

The report also makes the very interesting showing that the white people paid in school taxes on polls and property \$32,644.78 against \$2,258.63 paid by colored.

Another item of interest is that ten of the district schools have libraries, numbering in all, 900 volumes.

The other report was as follows: "I have the honor to report as follows: The statistics of the past scholastic year and the condition of the schools: COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

"A serious fact confronts us when we note that from a census of 7,799 children in the county only 4,020 are enrolled in the schools, consisting of 2,174 whites and 1,849 negroes, while the average attendance is only 1,554 whites and 1,085 colored, making a total average of 2,628.

"This can be accounted for as follows: 1st. Many of the children above 16 years of age consider themselves too old to attend school. 2nd. A number are put to work in factories when they are just above 12 years of age. Delgado District, for example, with a census of 823, has an enrollment of only 157. I have no statistics from the city. 3rd. Parents are apathetic and will not avail themselves of the opportunities freely given to their children for school, and others allow them to consult their own will or keep them at home for every trivial or imaginary need for their services.

"The remedy for this may be found, first, by a law for compulsory education, which is beginning to be agitated in the South. 2nd. By thoroughly canvassing the country with educational speakers, who will plead with parents and show the necessity of education. 3rd. By getting useful and well trained teachers to make school life so attractive that the listless child may be drawn within the school influence. The subject is of great importance, and the efficient assistance of this Board and a willing co-operation of a majority of our committee-men a hearty awakening is noticed in every district.

"I visited every school in the county several times during the session of the schools, noted the work of the teachers, and examined the children. The result has been satisfactory. Most of the schools held interesting closing exercises. I attended as many of them as the occasion would permit from pressing duties to aid me in addressing the people who were assembled upon the urgent necessity of sending their children to school with promptness and regularity.

MUSIC.
The leading educators of the day, with the ancient Greeks, recognize the value of music as one of the first requisites for successful school work. A move has been made to introduce this subject into our rural schools. I offer this plan: Let a skillful teacher of music be employed, who shall be called a County Supervisor of Music. He shall visit the schools regularly, devoting his whole time. He shall teach the rudiments of music scientifically, training the children to sing by note, so that music shall be a part of the opening and closing exercises of each school. During his absence the regular teacher shall continue daily practice, as outlined by the supervisor.

"An available man is at hand who will give his entire time to the work for a salary of \$40 per month, being equal to the pay of a first grade teacher. The money for his salary can be taken from each school amounting to about \$4 per month. This, I think, is easily within the finances of the schools.

"Music will tend to produce order, to afford additional and interesting children to school, and to add an interest which nothing else can.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS
The colored schools have shown a desire to introduce industrial training. District No. 4 showed very creditable work in this line, and District No. 6 is very anxious to establish with aid which can be gotten from a Northern Aid Society, an extensive department for such training. This work I hope will be encouraged especially among the colored children.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.
"It has not been found practicable to hold an Institute in this county as the law requires, but we have held monthly meetings for the teachers. These were well attended. Methods of instruction were discussed, and subjects pertaining to a more successful management of the schools were explained.

"A meeting of the Committee was held. It brought together those men who are in close touch with the schools, and gave them an opportunity to compare the work done by each. Col. A. M. Weddell addressed them upon education, and Mr. W. H. Sprunt of this Board added words of encouragement.

BUILDINGS.
"While the buildings are in good condition there is need of repairs, and with many minor repairs in all of them. Money now spent will be economy in preserving the property. The school houses in District No. 3 are in a more central position. I hope in time the Board may see fit to move it or build a new structure, as the present building is not such as we should have. The colored school in District No. 2 is far from the centre of population and should be moved as soon as the money is available.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.
"By persistent efforts the surroundings of our school houses are gradually being improved. Nothing aids more to refine and elevate the child than well arranged grounds with flowers, shrubs and carefully ornamented interiors. The aesthetic side of life should be developed and cultivated as well as the other faculties.

"District No. 13 deserves special mention for attractive grounds and tasteful interior.

PURE WATER.
"Pure drinking water is still a source of concern in most of the schools. It is to be hoped that some plan can be devised when money is provided.

LIBRARIES.
"After urging the people for the past two years to supply suitable books for their children, I am pleased to report that nearly every school, both for white and colored, has secured books amounting to nearly 800 volumes of books for their children. The benefit of which upon the life and character of these children will be valuable and far-reaching.

"These books have been secured by contributions from the people of the district, by State aid, and by donations of certain generous and noble minded friends of the rural children.

"Full statistics will be found in my report to the State superintendent.

"In closing this report, I wish to thank each member of this Board and all school officers for the valuable help and cooperation as well as for the many courtesies extended to me in my labors."

Relative to the suggestion in his report about a music instructor, Prof. Catlett mentioned the name of Prof. D. M. Batten, whom I am pleased to report that he had accepted of, to holding an educational meeting at some point in the county during next month and for which occasion he would send a special speaker. He also stated that the people of the county were heartily in favor of the meeting, and he thought Middle Sound the most desirable place to hold it.

The Board expressed itself in favor of such a meeting and instructed Prof. Catlett to accept the invitation and make all necessary arrangements.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

Dr. Little Sick Again.
The STAR regrets to learn that Dr. Thos. R. Little, Superintendent of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, was compelled to return to the city Sunday from his vacation, upon which he had just started and which he intended to spend with relatives in Western North Carolina, and is again sick at the hospital.

Coolest on the Coast.
The temperature record of Sunday last shows that Wilmington on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The maximum temperature here was 79 degrees, at New York and Norfolk it was 83; at Charleston 83; Jacksonville, 80; Savannah, 80; Mobile, 88; New Orleans, 84; Galveston, 86.

CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH PROMPTNESS AND REGULARITY.

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