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OUTLINES.

Mr. Back, U. S. minister to Japan, suddenly of apoplexy yesterday. — The Senate was in session yesterday an hour and five minutes. — Great Britain and Germany have decided to go ahead in their joint action against Venezuela. — Fourteen persons were killed in a hotel at Chicago. — A number of witnesses, principally mine workers, testified before the strike commission at Soranot, yesterday. — Johnstone, the man who murdered Kate Hassett, is at a hospital in Philadelphia. — The Red river at Shreveport, La., is rising and the low lands are covered with water. — The finance committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce says that the only thing that can be done to make our financial system safe and solid is to get one legal tender and that is gold. — The mimic warfare of the U. S. and white squadrons of the U. S. in the waters. — Heavy rains in Georgia have caused considerable damage. — The cold wave from Vicksburg, Miss., yesterday. — N. Y. markets: Money on call was at 4 1/2 per cent.; cotton—quiet; flour—more active and higher; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 7/8; oat—spot firm, No. 2 3/8; rosin steady, turpentine dull, 53 1/2 @ 54c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 4.

Observations for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
Temperature: 8 A. M., 53 degrees;
9 A. M., 55 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees;
minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Direction and force of wind: variable, light to moderate; gusty at times.
Rainfall for the day, 1.70; rainfall for the month to date, 1.91.
Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 1.00 feet above normal.

STORM WARNING.

Least storm signals were displayed at 2:30 P. M. The storm was from the north, blowing from the northeast. Brisk to high east, shifting to south, shifting to westerly winds, shifting to southerly winds, indicated.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 4.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday except rain in the east portion; high shifting to becoming west; Saturday fair and clear.

Times Almanac—December 5.

6:55 A. M. Sunrise
4:48 P. M. Sunset
9 H. 53 M. Length of Day
11:34 P. M. Water at Wilmington
1:54 A. M. High Tide

Pritchard seems to have been digging some wool over Mr. Roosevelt's eyes. At least that's the way it looks.

Chancellor M. Depew has been considered since he was married. He isn't making a name for himself after dinner speeches as he used to.

Minneapolis, Minn., gentleman who the starvation remedy for an eye disease, and succeeded in curing it, but he had a nice funeral, the treatment killed him.

Mary Morton, youngest daughter of Levi P. Morton, is a girl. She is said to devote her money to caring for unfortunate children in New York.

Four thousand live cattle recently landed in England from this country, for slaughter, the beef and mutton can't consistently plead scarcity of cattle as the cause of the high price of beef.

The late strike the bituminous miners struck by the anthracite miners. The secretary of the Mine Workers' Association, who was contributing \$2,000,000 of their earnings to help the strikers.

The Chinese Government contemplating establishing a patent system. A couple of bright fellows here to study our system. They say that they may pull some of the things they invented from six thousand years ago and patent them.

St. Wise, "the only friend" who told a Washington correspondent that when the darkeys were passing the hat Johnny was talking. It may be in the line of things that while they were passing the hat he will be talking.

John S. Mosby, special agent in charge of the Land Office, has been following up the land grabbers, reports that in a hundred square miles of government land which had been obtained by fraud and in another 3,000 acres obtained in the same

COUNTY'S FINANCES.

The Annual Report of Treasurer Green as to Receipts and Disbursements.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

Statement Examined by Auditing Committee at Regular Meeting Yesterday. Constable of Harriet Township Qualified and Gave Bond.

The first regular monthly meeting of the Auditing Committee of the Board of County Commissioners for the new fiscal year was held yesterday afternoon, all members having been present, viz: Chairman D. McEachern, Messrs. Gabriel Holmes and H. L. Vollers.

Aside from an examination and the formal approval of the newly executed bonds of all the county officials, the most important feature of the meeting was an examination of the annual report of county Treasurer H. McEachern, showing the receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year of the general and special funds and the road and sinking fund, since March 4th, 1902, when the bonds for the permanent improvement of New Hanover thoroughfares were sold. An account of the township road fund is also renewed. A complete abstract of the Treasurer's statement is as follows:

General Fund, Dec. 1st, 1901, to Dec. 1st, 1902:
Receipts—Balance on hand, \$17,410.72; property tax, \$29,188.86; Schedule B tax, \$5,686.09; back taxes, \$2,287.34; jury tax and cost, \$106.65; marriage licenses, \$318.25; refunded taxes, \$58.17; refunded attorney fees, \$100.00; cash from road fund, \$5,973.79; rents, \$180.17. Total, \$51,309.74.

Disbursements—Warrants paid, \$41,295.05; loan to special fund, \$800; loan to road sinking fund, \$500; loan to road fund, \$2,000; treasurer's commissions, \$399.71. The balance to the new fiscal year is \$16,014.98.

Special Fund, Dec. 1st, 1901, to Dec. 1st, 1902:
Receipts—Balance, 1,841.18; special taxes, \$4,064.53; loan from general fund, \$500. Total, \$6,405.76.

Disbursements—Bonds paid, \$7,000; coupons, \$5,012.47; treasurer's commissions, \$113.47. The balance to the new fiscal year, \$1,379.82.

Road Fund, from March 4th to Dec. 1st, 1902:
Receipts—Sale of bonds, \$50,000; premium on bonds, \$1,312.50; loan from general fund, \$2,000; sale of mule, \$140. Total, \$53,452.50.

Disbursements—Warrants paid, \$28,662.28; treasurer's commissions, \$926.72. The balance to the new fiscal year, \$23,863.50.

Road Sinking Fund, March 4th to Dec. 1st, 1902:
Receipts—Interest on money from sale of bonds \$926.03; loan from general fund, \$500. Total, \$1,426.03.

Disbursements—Coupons paid, \$1,125; Treasurer's Commissions, \$35.63. The balance to the new fiscal year is \$275.40.

Township Road Fund:
Receipts—Balance on hand, Cape Fear township, \$27.87; Harriet, \$217.77; Masonboro, \$50.07; Federal Point, \$1.98. Total, \$307.49.

Disbursements—By warrants paid, Harriet, \$37.93; Masonboro, \$38.63; Cape Fear, \$8.30; Treasurer's Commissions, \$4.91. Balance to New fiscal year, \$217.68, divided among the townships as follows: Cape Fear, \$19.16; Harriet, \$175.96; Masonboro, \$20.58; Federal Point, \$1.98.

STOLEN MONEY AND MEDALS.

Residence of Mr. Thomas Maxted Burglarized Night Before Last and Many Valuables Stolen—No Clue.

Eighty-two dollars in cash, two medals for heroism in war bearing the name of the owner, an overcoat, fine suit of clothes and a lot of valuable trinkets made up the booty of a systematic burglar who rifled a number of chests in the residence of Mr. Thomas Maxted, an Englishman, corner of Third and Dawson streets, night before last or before light yesterday morning.

Mr. Maxted is at present employed as watchman on the British steamer *Harbart*, now in port, and is away from home at night. No one lives with him, and the money stolen represented savings for many months, with which he hoped to put his house in readiness for the coming of his wife and daughter from the North within the next few months. When he returned from aboard the steamer yesterday morning after his duties for the night, he found the front door of his house open. Investigation disclosed that the keys to the chests had been taken from a table drawer in the room where they were usually kept, the chests opened and the money and valuables stolen. One of the medals was of gold and was presented to Mr. Maxted by the Humane Society, of Boston, for bravery in saving five lives at sea on the Spanish Main, Central America, years ago when the owner was a member of the U. S. Navy on the U. S. S. *Fortune*. The other was an English silver medal for bravery in the Crimean war under Admiral George Rodney Mundy, and each bore the name of Mr. Maxted and a suitable inscription.

Mr. Maxted not only found the door of his residence opened when he returned home but a scuffle in the ceiling was also open, which leads him to believe that the burglar secreted himself in the loft of the house the day before and located the keys in the table drawer, when he saw the owner go into the chest to get some change to make a remittance by money order for some stock that had been bought. There is no clue to the identity of the burglar or burglars.

Question two was called: "Who remains on trial?" The names of J. M. Culbreth, E. M. Salpe, W. A. Jenkins, W. E. Brown, W. P. Constable, R. E. Porter, William Love, W. H. Webster and J. A. Road were called, and their characters passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Second Day's Session Yesterday Marked by a Large Attendance.

Proceedings of the Great Body of Methodists—Timely Remarks by Bishop Smith—More Young Men Wanted for the Ministry—Interesting Reports Were Heard.

The North Carolina Conference convened at 9:30 o'clock yesterday, with Bishop A. Coke Smith in the chair. The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Norman, of Trinity church, Durham. While the secretary was preparing to read the minutes, the Bishop took occasion to exhort the preachers not to forget the power and place of song in Methodist history, reminding them that Methodist had sung its way across two continents, and should not neglect this arm of power.

The minutes of Wednesday's session were read and approved. On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with. The districts were called and laymen not present Wednesday were enrolled.

Question seven was called: "Who are the desecrons of one year?" W. P. Woodal, Rufus R. Grant, J. M. Stanford, E. R. Welch, H. M. North, J. F. Biven, C. F. Reid, J. E. Dixon and Jesse L. Cunningham were called, and having stood the required examination their characters were passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

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ABOUT THE SIMS KILLING.

There Were No Developments Yesterday. Coroner's Jury at Lumberton Held Inquest—The Circumstances.

There were no developments here yesterday in the matter of the death at Lumberton of the white man, B. F. Sims, as the alleged result of a blow received here last week at the hands of Jesse W. Cooper, of Wilmington. The authorities still refused to make an arrest of Mr. Cooper on a telegram and Mr. Cooper is not fearful of the consequences, even should he be arrested.

Acting Coroner E. F. MacRae, of Lumberton, held an inquest yesterday over the body of Sims and returned a verdict that he came to his death as the result of the wound in the head, received at the hands of Cooper. A post mortem disclosed the fact that there was a hole in the man's skull the size of a dime. It is said that the weapon used by Mr. Cooper was a piece of scantling instead of a chair, and that Sims was not fined for entering the house before the Mayor, next day, at his (Cooper's) request.

The immediate cause of Sims' death was lockjaw. Returning to Lumberton from Wilmington last Friday, he stopped at Pate's boarding house before going to his home in the country. He made no complaint until Monday, when he ate very little breakfast, and at noon a physician was summoned. He removed the scab from the wound on the head and a quantity of pus came out. The following afternoon the patient was seized with lockjaw and died that night. According to his own confession Sims was drunk when he entered Cooper's residence, and said he mistook it for the Fulton House, in another part of the city, where he was a guest.

THE GREAT MARTYNNYNE COMPANY.

Pleased a Large Audience in the Academy Last Night.

Regardless of the very inclement weather a large audience greeted the inaugural performance of the Great Martyynnyne Company last night at the Academy, and were repaid with a splendid show. The performance consisted entirely of well selected vaudeville and pleased everyone. A comedy musical sketch by the Esterbrooks was greatly enjoyed, as was also the trick bicycle riding by Mr. Harry Fisher. There were also other pleasing numbers.

The big features of the entertainment were the electrical spectacular dances of the Great Martyynnyne and Prof. Shedenau's dog circus. Both were par excellence in their respective lines and need to be seen to be appreciated. The dog show was really wonderful and ended with a fifty-foot high dive by one of the canines.

The engagement of the company is for three nights, with a special children's matinee to-morrow afternoon. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, will prevail throughout. Seats for to-night's performance, which will be different from that of last night, are on sale at Plummer's.

THE KIND-HEARTED ELKS.

Poor Children Will be Remembered in a Substantial Way in Wilmington.

The STAR learns that at a meeting of the Elks last night, headed by that big hearted member, Henry Gerken, it was decided to provide all the poor children of the city with a magnificent Christmas feast and to see that each one experiences something of the joy and gladness traditional with the holiday. The action is commendable, highly commendable, and is just one of those acts of human kindness for which the Elks are famous the world over. The details of the movement have, of course, been left with competent committees, who will see that the charity is extended in a manner worthy of the motives which prompted it.

During the progress of the morning session, there came occasional flashes of striking truth from the Episcopal chair—such as these: Brother, I hope the time will speedily come when we shall all realize that baptized ignorance is not faith.

I dislike to hear the Sunday school called the nursery of the church; that is the reason why you can't hold the young men who begin to sprout a moustache; it is not a nursery but an organization in which all the members of the church should study the word of God.

If I could not lead my family in prayer I would buy a prayer-book and read one; I would rather walk on a crutch than to lie on my back all the year.

There is a great deal of sanctimonious meanness in the anti-mission spirit.

N. C. S. G. OFFICERS.

Election Yesterday at Goldsboro for the Second Regiment of the Guard.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES.

Wilmington Honored in the Selections. Naval Reserves at Newbern Chose Brigade Commanders and Attended to Other Business.

The commissioned officers of the several companies composing the Second Regiment N. C. S. G., met in Goldsboro yesterday afternoon and elected the following officers: Colonel—H. C. Bragaw, Washington. Lieutenant Colonel—T. C. James, Wilmington. Major 1st battalion—C. B. Elliott, Edenton. Major 2nd battalion—T. S. Pace, Wilson. Major 3rd battalion—G. B. Sellars, Maxton.

There was a full representation of all officers and companies of the regiment. The officers are all representative men and will be a credit to the regiment and the State. The visiting officers at Goldsboro were handsomely entertained by Co. D, Second Regiment, and Co. B, First Regiment of that city. Resolutions were adopted expressing thanks to the militia of Goldsboro for the hospitality to the visitors.

Naval Brigade Officers. In accordance with General Order No. 12 from the office of Adjutant General B. S. Royster, the quadrennial election of officers for the Second Battalion, North Carolina Naval Brigade, took place at Newbern Wednesday night. Commander T. C. Daniels was unanimously re-elected and Dr. J. H. White, of Elizabeth City, was unanimously elected Lieutenant Commander. Those present at the meeting and represented by proxy were Lieuts. O. D. Bradham and C. J. McSorley, and Ensign J. H. Weddell, of Newbern; Ensign S. K. DeVany, of Wilmington; Lieuts. Smithwick and Sutton, of Windsor; Lieut. Crawford and Ensign Saunders, of Elizabeth City. The election for the First Battalion of the Brigade will be held later, as soon as the same is recruited by the addition of another division, which will doubtless be organized very soon. Capt. W. T. Old, of Elizabeth City, has been re-appointed by the Governor. Ensign DeVany, who represented the Wilmington Division at the Newbern meeting, returned yesterday, a day sooner than he had expected.

NEW COAST LINE STOCK.

Terms Upon Which It Will be Issued to Present Shareholders.

The following Associated Press telegram from New York was received last night: "The Atlantic Coast Line directors have issued a circular to stockholders informing them that they may subscribe at \$125 per share to the \$15,000,000 new stock to be issued in part payment for the \$30,000,000 of Louisville and Nashville stock par value. Each stockholder will be entitled to subscribe for an amount equal to 40 per cent. of his holdings."

"At Home" to Friends. Mr. and Mrs. G. Henry Haar, who were lately married in New York city, were "at home" to friends from 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until 11 o'clock, same evening, at their pretty residence No. 408 South Fifth streets. Many friends called during the reception hours and tendered happy congratulations upon the union of the host and hostess. The home was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion and at intervals delightful refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Haar were charmingly assisted in the reception of visitors by Mrs. J. T. Rudge, Miss Lottie Haar, Miss Annie Adrain and Messrs. A. L. Price, J. D. Doscher, Jr., and Edward Ahrens.

Mr. R. D. W. Connor To Wed. Friends have received handsomely engraved invitations, bearing the following announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hanes request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Sadie, to Mr. Robert Digges Wimberley Connor, on Tuesday, December the twenty-third, nineteen hundred and two, at four o'clock, at 'Oakland,' Mocksville, North Carolina." Mr. and Mrs. Connor will be at home after December 31st, 504 Orange street, Wilmington, N. C.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Mand Tyler, of Wilson, is a guest of Mrs. Jno. F. Garrell. Foreman B. R. Russell, of Engle Co. No. 1, returned last night from the firemen's tournament at Charleston, which he says was not a great success on account of unfavorable weather.

Dr. Blackwell on a Tour. Dr. Blackwell goes to Charleston, S. C., to-morrow to address a mass meeting of young men in the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon, and to fill the Citadel Square pulpit morning and night. He lectures Monday night in the Citadel auditorium on "Orators and Oratory." Wednesday, the 10th, he returns to Durham to preach the annual sermon before the Baptist State Convention.

For Asthma use OBERNEY'S EXPECTORANT. For sale by J. C. Sheppard.

MR. JAMES L. CORBETT DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Sampson County Passed Away Yesterday—Funeral.

News reached the city last night of the death of Mr. Jas. L. Corbett, a prominent citizen of Sampson county, residing near Ivanhoe. Mr. Corbett died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, after a long illness, in the 87th year of his age. He was the moving spirit in the establishment and maintenance of Black River Presbyterian chapel and was an elder of the congregation for many years. He was a true Christian gentleman in every sense of the word and his death is a distinctive loss to the community in which he lived.

Mr. Corbett leaves a number of relatives, among them his sons, Messrs. W. M. Corbett, Jr., of Olga, N. C.; F. R. Corbett, of Shannan, N. C., and his daughter, Mr. E. F. Herring, of Clinton; Mrs. J. B. Moore, of Burgaw; Mrs. L. J. Merriman, of Ivanhoe, and Mrs. W. H. Robinson, of Delta, N. C. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the late residence.

BLADEN MURDERER CAPTURED.

Brought to the City Last Night by Sheriff Burch, of Florence.

Sheriff T. S. Burch, of Florence, S. C., arrived last night on the Charleston train, bringing to the jail here a negro named Martin Van Buren Williams, charged with the murder about two years ago of another negro named Edmond Anders, at Council's Station, Bladen county. Williams will be kept here until March; then he will be taken to Elizabethtown for trial.

Sheriff Burch captured the negro day before yesterday near Balbridge, Miller county, Ga., and is certain he has the right man by an unmistakable sign in the prisoner's nose, but the negro, while confessing to his name, denies that he is wanted for a crime. There is a reward of \$50 for Williams' capture, the crime having been in cold blood and the victim a negro of good character, who was remonstrating with a crowd of others, Williams among the number, for shooting pistols promiscuously at a party, when he was shot down.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Report of Treasurer for Months of October and November, 1902.

Receipts—New Hanover county, \$250; Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall, \$5; Mrs. Elizabeth Latimer, \$3.50; Wm. Latimer, \$2.50; Mrs. W. L. Parley, \$25; Mrs. James I. Motte, \$35; a friend, \$10; cash, \$10; E. S. Martin, \$20; a friend, \$100; Mrs. M. E. Bridges, \$25; Miss Emily Bridges, \$25; Mrs. Alice Everett, \$1; Mrs. Junius Davis, \$5; John Kuhken, \$1.50; Martin Ralston, \$2.50; Mrs. John W. Atkinson, \$5; W. B. Cooper, \$10; cash, \$40; cash, \$10.

Disbursements—Secretary's salary, \$50; Catherine Kennedy Home, \$25; groceries, \$284.25; rent for those in need, \$23; cash help, \$7; janitor, \$4.50; wood, \$18; shoes, \$1.50; railroad fares, \$6.38; nourishment for sick, \$1.50; postage, 35c; cleaning office, 50c.

Dr. Ivey Taylor Will Marry. Friends of Dr. William Ivey Taylor, formerly of this city, will be interested in the announcement that on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th, at 7 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, 818 North Tryon street, Charlotte, N. C., he will wed Miss Roberta Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Greene Hood. Dr. Taylor was formerly one of the clerks at the wholesale and retail drug store of R. E. Bellamy & Co., of this city, but has since graduated at the N. C. Medical College, at Davidson, and has entered upon the practice of his profession.

Horse Into a Live Wire. At Third and Princess streets yesterday morning a span wire of the street railway electric line was blown across the trolley wire and heavily charged with the current. A hack, in which Mr. Geo. Rountree was riding, passed about the time the wire fell and the horse attached to the vehicle ran straight into it. The animal was knocked down by the shock and severely burned about one of his knees. Otherwise there was no damage.

Holly For the North. Duplin Journal: "The woods are full of people cutting holly for shipment North. Four car-loads of 100 crates each have been shipped here and all along the W. & W. R. R. from Goldsboro to Wilmington quantities of holly are being gathered for the Christmas and New Year decorations. The prices paid for the holly is but little and the people could get more for it if they would ask for it. The price has advanced from 50 to 75 cents per box and will no doubt go higher as competition grows stronger."

Bad Effect on Lettuce. The continued rains and damp weather during the past week or ten days has had a bad effect on the lettuce beds in East Wilmington and the hitherto very bright prospect for a profitable season has been somewhat blighted. Northern quotations yesterday ranged from \$1.80 to \$2.00 per basket.

Been There Before. In noting the arrival of the Wilmington convicts at the State penitentiary the Raleigh Post says: "Captain Fleming, warden at the penitentiary, recognized Williams as a former inmate of the state prison. He is an old rouser and always in trouble. Orange Jesse has made something of a reputation, too, as a bad egg."