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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Postmaster General Payne says the postoffice at Indianola, Miss., will remain closed until satisfactory assurances are given that the negro postmistress will be protected. —— A bill introduced in the Senate provides for a roster of officers and men in both the Union and Confederate armies during the war between the States. —— Hearing of evidence in the Wilcox trial at Hertford, N. C., is expected to begin Thursday. —— The Vest resolution to remove the duty upon coal was discussed in the Senate yesterday. —— The House Ways and Means Committee will report a bill providing for a rebate, equal to the duty imposed, upon all coal coming from all countries for a period of one year. —— President Roosevelt decides that Judge Taft shall remain in the Philippines as civil governor. —— Winnie D. Mercer, a pitcher of the American Baseball League, committed suicide in San Francisco. —— Fighting is going on between troops of the Sultan of Morocco and the pretender to the throne. —— Fire in Geo. J. Gould's New York residence; loss about $125,000. —— Independent cigar dealers have formed an organization to fight the tobacco trust. —— The North Atlantic squadron will go on an extensive cruise in the Gulf of Mexico before returning North. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call quoted steady at 4@1½ per cent; cotton—quiet at 8 85c; flour was fairly active and steadier; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 80½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 58½; oats—spot firm, No. 2 41c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 58½@59c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 13.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 24 degrees; 1 P. M., 35 degrees; maximum, 38 degrees; minimum, 23 degrees; mean, 30 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.29.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, warmer on the coast; Thursday increasing cloudiness, with rain; light variable winds.

Port Almanac—January 14.

Sun Rises	7.09 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.10 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 01 M.
High Water at Southport.	8.19 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	10.49 A. M.

The $3,000,000 appropriation asked for the relief of suffering Filipinos is only a starter.

Dr. Crum is attracting about as much attention now as statesman Crumpacker did some time ago.

Peary says if he had $150,000 he would start out on the Pole chase again and catch it. Let's chip in and get it.

Last Friday the House of Representatives passed 144 private pension bills and it wasn't a good day for the pension business, either.

There are 205 minerals found in North Carolina, 93 of which have a commercial value, 43 of which are abundant enough to be profitably mined.

That Indiana woman who has eleven fingers on each hand finds no trouble in sifting the contents of her hubby's pockets while he snoozes.

Speaking about "benevolent assimilation" it is to be hoped that the hungry Filipinos will be able to assimilate the $3,000,000 worth of eating stuff that this government is asked to buy for them.

Mr. Wolcott, who is running in Colorado against Teller for the Senate, says Teller will be elected because the air is full of "treason" out there. According to Wolcott's idea it seems to be "treason" not to support him.

It is said that bad cooking was the alleged grievance in 400 divorce cases in Chicago last year. When a man marries a woman to get a cook he should require her to bring a certificate along. Failing to do this that plea ought to be barred.

Miss Bernice Mershon, of Marion, Ind., is one of your strenuous singers. Singing in a concert a few nights ago she threw so much vim into it that she dislocated her under jaw, which was prized into place and when she went right on and dislocated it again with a big yawn.

In noticing Lord Kelvin's assertion that the world's supply of coal will be exhausted in 400 years, a French engineer gives us the comforting prediction that between petroleum and alcohol (he leaves out electricity) coal mining will not pay in ten years.

STILL NO SENATOR.

Democratic Legislative Caucus Took Six Ballots Without Result Last Night.

WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON.

Adjournment to 4 P. M. To-day—Two Dark Horses Pranced Into the Ring, But Have Cut Little Figure as Yet—Overman Losing.

Six ballots, making seventeen all told, were cast in the Democratic Legislative caucus on the Senatorial question at Raleigh last night without result. Adjournment was taken until 4 o'clock this afternoon when the contest will be resumed. The result of last night's session is told in the following tabulation of bulletins sent out by the Bell Telephone Company after each ballot:

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th
Overman..	47	49	47	49	46	46
Watson ...	40	43	38	41	38	37
Craig	29	28	28	28	28	28
Carr	13	9	12	12	13	13
Alexander.	7	8	8	8	8	11
Glenn.....	..	1	1	1	..	..
Hamner...	..	..	..	..	1	1
Total..	136	138	134	139	134	136

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 13.—The third session of the Democratic caucus to nominate a United States Senator to succeed Jeter C. Pritchard was held to-night, resulting in very little progress. Indications are that the end is yet a long way off. Only six ballots were cast, making seventeen since the balloting began last Friday night. Ten members were absent attending the Grand Lodge of Masons, which convened to-night. Overman claims that six of his supporters were absent. The ballots were cast to-night without special incident. The votes for W. C. Hammer, of Randolph, and for Hon. R. B. Glenn were cast by the same party, a Randolph representative, and are claimed to have no special significance.

The impression seems to prevail that Watson is going in a way that gives promise of winning. The principal weakening of Craig's following would indicate that when a break comes it will be his men who will scatter, the majority of his following going to Watson, who is regarded as the second choice of what has been termed the "machine element" of the party. Overman said to-night he felt as confident as ever of success. With six of his men absent he was holding his ground, and, in fact, gaining strength. One of Craig's managers referred to the situation as giving reason to expect ultimate victory; that his men are standing by him loyally. Gen. Carr's manager said they were standing by their guns and are by no means dismayed. Mr. Watson said: "I am gaining ground and will assuredly win out."

"THE VILLAGE POSTMASTER."

Company Presenting Magnificent Production Will Arrive This Afternoon.

"The Village Postmaster," with its original big production, exactly as played for 227 nights at the Fourteenth street, New York, and for 125 nights in Chicago, will be at the Academy to-night in all its glory.

The play is full of human nature and heart interest, with a pretty love story well told. The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of Monday, May 20th, says: "It is better than all the other country plays put together."

A car-load of scenery and properties are carried for this now famous rural drama, and the company seen here to-night will include the original cast.

The company will reach the city early this afternoon direct from Charleston, so there will be ample opportunity to make all the gigantic stage settings. The sale of seats opened yesterday morning at Plummer's already indicates an audience of large proportion.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

Met Last Night in Raleigh—Encouraging Reports from All Officers.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 13.—The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons convened to-night with about 300 visiting members. The Grand Secretary's report showed 330 working lodges, a gain of six during the year; 12,662 Masons, a gain of 650, these being the largest gains on record. The receipts were $8 249 10, or $520 more than the year previous.

Grand Master Clark, of Scotland Neck, delivered his annual address, dwelling at length on the movement for the erection of a temple. He said a special committee would later report the purchase of a site in Raleigh, the purchase price having already been paid over. He declared Masonry in the finest condition in the history of the State. Organization was perfected to-night and the work of the lodge will begin to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

LOCAL DOTS.

— L'Agile Cotillon Club will give its January german in the Masonic Temple to-morrow night.

— Only routine business was transacted at the quarterly meeting of the Associated Charities yesterday.

— Ed. Smith, colored, was arrested by the police yesterday for disorderly conduct in Peter Evans' restaurant, Nutt and Grace streets. He will be tried in the Mayor's court today.

— Mr. F. P. Lamb, while "skylarking" with a carpenter at his store, corner of Eighth and Campbell streets, yesterday afternoon, had the misfortune to get his left leg broken below the knee. Drs. Harriss and Bell attended him and at last accounts Mr. Lamb was doing as well as could be expected.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Atlantic National Bank—Safety.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Luxurious necessity.

ARREST ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Young White Man from Columbus County Taken Into Custody for Alleged Embezzlement—Another Prisoner.

H. C. Brecknell, a young white man, well dressed and otherwise having a genteel appearance, was arrested by Policemen J. B. Newkirk and C. E Wood at Fourth street bridge yesterday morning, on a warrant from Chadbourn, N. C., charging him with the embezzlement of an amount of money, some camera supplies and a horse and buggy from James Satchwell, an itinerant photographer who spent a part of last Summer at the beach but who has lately been engaged at points in Columbus county. Mr. Satchwell's brother came to Wilmington in search of Brecknell and caused his arrest. Brecknell was engaged in taking photographs at Navassa and came to Wilmington for additional supplies. He was boarding on Hanover, between Third and Fourth streets, and maintains his innocence. He worked a short time in Wilmington for the telephone companies and his only fault here appeared to be an indulgence in an occasional spree.

Deputy Sheriff W. J. Benton, of Columbus county, arrived yesterday and took Brecknell to Chadbourn for preliminary trial to-day. He also carried with him the negro, Foster Williams, charged with abandoning his wife. Williams was one of the negroes engaged in the shooting at the Angola mill some time ago and his whereabouts came to the knowledge of the Columbus authorities from the trial here.

ANNUAL MEETING OF N. N. S. SOCIETY.

Held Monday Night and Officers Elected. Elegant Spread of Refreshments.

The N. S. S. Society, at an enthusiastic annual meeting Monday night at the residence of Mrs. M. E. McGirt, elected the following officers: President, J. W. Fleet; Vice President, W. R Doshier; Secretary and Treasurer, David LeGwin; Musical Director, James S. Williams; Chairman of Visiting Committee, Mrs. F. M. Shamburger; Organist, Miss Bessie LeGwin; Assistant Organist, Miss Mary Landen; Chaplain, Miss Annie Gaskill.

Mr. James S. Williams has in hand the arrangement for a delightful musical event in the near future. Miss Mamie McGirt was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for an entertainment on St. Valentine's night.

At the meeting Monday night delightful refreshments were served, including oysters in every style, ice cream, cakes, cigars, etc. The ladies each received a handsome souvenir.

Spirits Still Soaring.

The item of the naval stores market which is attracting greatest interest just now is spirits turpentine. Yesterday it was told in these columns how the record of several seasons had been broken with the previous day's quotations of 55½ cents, but it remained for the following day's figures to break the record since the War—56½ cents. The tone of the market is firm; receipts yesterday, 28 casks. Last year on the same date the quotation was 38 cents for machine casks, or a difference of 18½ cents per gallon in favor of this year. The prices now prevailing are proving a boon to all turpentine operators.

Will Be Married This Afternoon.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Sol Bear, No. 116 North Fifth street, Miss Lilly Bear will be united in marriage to Mr. Julius Sternberger, a popular young business man of this city and a member of the firm of Sternberger Bros. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel, and the bride and groom will leave on the evening train for an extended bridal tour North. At the residence of the bride's father an elegant reception was given last night in honor of the bridal party.

County Board of Education.

The County Board of Education, all members having been present, was in session a short time last night and completed the apportionment of the school fund to the various districts in the county. The figures are on the same basis as last year and contain nothing new of interest to the public. The only other business transacted at the meeting last night was the appointment of Messrs. J. A. Jordan and Walter A. Wood as school committemen for the Delgado district, vice Messrs. Barr and Ezzell, resigned.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday N. Jacobi transferred to Urchie C. Ellis for $900, house and lot on north side of Church, between Second and Third streets, 40x91 feet in size and Henry Galloway, of Brunswick county, transferred to Isaac B. Rhodes for $2,304, five tracts of land in one body, east of the city of Wilmington, on the Scott's Hill road, being the same as were conveyed by J. Hargrove Taylor, commissioner, to Henry Galloway some time ago.

May Have I. O. O. F. Temple.

The Odd Fellows of the city have a movement on foot for the erection of a handsome temple in Wilmington and it is understood each lodge has appointed members on a building committee to this end. The matter was discussed at last night's meeting of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, but nothing was given out for publication.

OUR PILOTAGE RATES

Subject of General and Somewhat Heated Discussion by Chamber of Commerce.

MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

A Committee Appointed to Confer With Commissioners of Navigation Relative to Alleged Evils of Laws. Legislature for Relief.

For three hours yesterday afternoon the Chamber of Commerce wrestled with the compulsory pilotage problem in all its phases. The result of the discussion, a verbatim report of which would fill several hundred columns of this paper, was the adoption of the following resolution, offered by Mr. R. A. Parsley and seconded simultaneously by Mr. J. Allen Taylor and Mr. L. B. Rogers:

"*Resolved*, That the pilotage law, of North Carolina, in so far as they relate to the Cape Fear river and bar, have been and are operating to the detriment of the commercial welfare and progress of the City of Wilmington and State of North Carolina.

"2nd: That the president of the Chamber appoint a committee to confer with the Commissioners of Navigation and then go before the General Assembly and pray for such legislation as will relieve our coastwise traffic of the excessive port charges it now has to bear.

"3rd: That the said committee be and is authorized to employ such legal assistance as may be necessary in the premises."

By way of parenthesis, in this connection, it should be stated that the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage is composed of Col. Thos. Evans, chairman; Messrs. James Sprunt, George Harriss, O. W. Worth, Samuel Northrop, S. F. and J. W. Craig. The committee from the Chamber of Commerce will be appointed by President Chadbourn to-day after a conference with the Executive Committee, which privilege of conference he asked and was granted.

The Pilots were represented at the meeting yesterday by Capts. S. F. Craig, J. W. Craig, William St. George and J. J. Adkins. They made no specific fight against the resolution as adopted except that part of the text which declared the present system to be detrimental to the interests of the port. In fact, the Pilot's Association as a member of the Chamber, voted for the resolution with the understanding that it would be allowed representation at the conference to which the matter was referred.

The following were present at yesterday afternoon's meeting: President James H Chadbourn, Secretary James Kyle and Messrs. J. A. Arringdale, L. B. Rogers, G. J. Boney, R. A. Parsley, J. A. Taylor, Roger Moore, R. N. Sweet, Hugh MacRae, J. W. Brooks, H. K. Nash, Jos. H. Watters, E. L. Holloway, of the Angola Lumber Co., Col. Walker Taylor, Capts. S. F. and J. W. Craig J. J. Adkins and Wm. St. George.

President Chadbourn, in calling the meeting to order, stated its object and said those present had assembled to discuss the pilotage question purely as a business matter; that the Chamber of Commerce was in a measure guardian of the interests of Wilmington and he hoped the discussion would be in a fair, business way. Mr. H. K. Nash moved a resolution much the same but not as drastic as that which came later from Mr. Parsley, and opened the discussion.

Mr. Hugh MacRae was the first speaker. He said according to the terms of the resolution that the matter will probably not come before the Chamber again, and he thought there should be an expression of opinion and, in voting, he would like to go on record as saying that the compulsory pilotage law has been very detrimental to the growth of Wilmington; that he was not directly, but was indirectly interested in common with every citizen of the community. He said there seemed so much "hidden evil" in the matter he would be glad to see it cleared up. If Wilmington is to be a great city, it must be through its seaport, and he hoped this pilotage matter would be taken up in consecutive and business-like manner.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. MacRae how compulsory pilotage had been detrimental to the port, but in the meantime, Mr. J. W. Craig, of the Pilots' Association, gained the floor, and replied at length to Mr. MacRae. He argued that the Pilots' Association and the Towing Company were two separate and distinct organizations and they should not be confused together as had been done. There were men in Wilmington and in the Chamber who were laboring under a misapprehension. The Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Co. is an organized stock company operating under the laws of North Carolina as much as the Cape Fear Lumber Co., and the Chadbourn Lumber Co., and had just as much right to live and do business as they have. There are 15 stockholders in the company and 13 of them are pilots, but they have as much right to invest their money in private enterprises as anyone else. So far as the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, the Legislature of North Carolina or the Congress of the United States are concerned, they have no more right to interfere with the towing company in its legitimate business than they have to interfere with the Cape Fear or the Chadbourn lumber companies. There was no compulsory towing and any one was at liberty to put a tow boat on the river, who desired to do so. He said the statement that the Pilots could charge what they wanted on vessels of over 20 feet was erroneous. The Legislature fixes the rates and the pilots are liable to a penalty for violation. There appeared to be little community of interest in that effort to tear down a legitimate business.

Mr. Arringdale said the shippers recognized the rights in regard to towage, but asked if the towing company did not receive something from the Pilots' Association. Mr. Craig replied that they did not, only as stockholders in the company. Mr. Arringdale said 225 vessels come to this port a year and there are 42 pilots to pilot them and have to be sustained. If all the pilots worked, there would be just 5½ vessels for each in a year.

Capt. J. J. Adkins spoke of the necessity of maintaing pilotage and said when he was a young man he went to the late James H. Chadbourn and asked that the Legislature be called on to reduce the number of pilots from 62 to 42; that Mr. Chadbourn told him it would never do; that the system would likely be destroyed by so doing. There is no port on the Atlantic, Gulf or Pacific, except in Maine, that doesn't have compulsory pilotage. Mr. Arringdale interrupted the speaker to call his attention to the conditions at Norfolk. Capt. Adkins said the difference was on account of Wilmington's being south of treacherous Hatteras and Cape Lookout. Granting for argument that $30,000 to $50,000 is spent in Wilmington for towage, he said it was all spent in Wilmington. It doesn't go out of the city. The pilots were not robbing anybody. They were authorized by law and are doing their work as cheap as any port, except those, perhaps, nearer to the ocean. Pilots had to work as apprentices for nine long years and he thought they had been harrassed long enough. New York in 1853 repealed its pilotage law and destroyed its pilot-system, but ten years later a ship went down on the rocks with 408 souls and the Legislature of that State was convened in special session and re-enacted the law in response to an uprising of the commercial interests there. It would benefit Wilmington not one farthing to abolish or tamper with the present law. Hamper the business, drive the pilots out, destroy the service, insurance rates will bound upwards, vessels will dread the port and commerce will be retarded.

Mr. Parsley drew a comparison of rates in favor of Virginia, Georgia and Florida and Mr. Arringdale went into details, giving figures to support his claims as to lower charges at Norfolk, Savannah and Brunswick. He said no vessels came here seeking for freight on account of the rates, and Capt. Adkins asked if stevedoring rates did not have something to do with it. Mr. Arringdale explained that rates for stevedoring were higher here, because vessels have to be more compactly loaded to pass Hatteras and Lookout.

Mr. J. W. Craig asked that the Chamber be not misguided in championing a perso al interest under the guise of commercial welfare, and asked the clerk to read what the eminent jurist, Judge Simonton, had to say on the question of compulsory pilotage and its necessity, which was done.

Capt. S. F. Craig said the reason vessels did not come here seeking cargoes was because it was cheaper to telegraph; vessels preferred to go to more Southern ports for cargoes because Wilmington was hard to get to from the West Indies and because once they cast anchor at Southport and have incurred part port charges, they are in the clutches of the lumber mills and are bound to accept reduced freight.

Mr. J. A. Taylor, speaking in favor of at least a change in the law, said no institution had a right to live that didn't live on its merits. The number of pilots is evidently larger than is required to do the work and should be accordingly reduced. Wilmington had no right to make a voluntary contribution to a Southport organization.

Mr. MacRae said in conclusion that he knew no trust, if this pilotage was not a trust and the community should be awakened to the situation. Then it would be remedied. Mr. Nash spoke again in favor of the pilots as did also Col. Walker Taylor and Mr. Boney, but they saw no objection to referring it to the committee as suggested. The question was called and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Louise Knight is the guest of friends at Washington, N. C.

— Mr. L. J. Pinner, a popular young Wilmingtonian, has gone to Hamlet, N. C., to take a position with the Seaboard Air Line.

— Mr. R. J. Rivenbark, agent of the A. C. L. at Darlington, S. C., spent yesterday in the city with his brother, Mr. J. W. Rivenbark.

— Dr. W. D. McMillan, W. B. McKoy, Esq., and Mr. Charles McMillen are attending the Grand Lodge of Masons, now in session at Raleigh.

— Mr. Chas. A. Lertz has been transferred from Columbus, Ga., to Wilmington and is again with the Armour Packing Company here. The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lertz are delighted to have them return.

Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., held yesterday morning, all the old officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. C. C. Covington, president; Mrs. B. F. Hall, treasurer; Miss Clara Woodward, secretary. Prof. Clarence Eddy, who will give an organ recital in Charlotte in February, will be invited to come to Wilmington by the Auxiliary for an engagement about the same time.

THE NATIONAL BANKS

Annual Meetings of Stockholders of the Murchison and Atlantic Institutions.

THE YEAR'S FINE BUSINESS.

Reports of Officers of Both Organizations Were Very Gratifying—Elections for Ensuing Year--Presidents Speak of Growth, Dividends, Etc.

No city in North or South Carolina, and few in the South, can compare with Wilmington in the strength of its banking institutions, the occasion for a repetition of this fact being the annual meetings of the National banks of this city at their respective banking houses yesterday, at which were received the most gratifying reports of the past year's business.

The fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Murchison National Bank was held at 11 A. M. Mr. N. B. Rankin was made chairman and Mr. J. V. Grainger secretary. Col. Walker Taylor and Mr. J. D. Bellamy, Jr., a committee appointed for that purpose, reported 1,043 shares of stock represented in person. After the very excellent annual report of Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the bank, the election of Directors for the ensuing year was entered upon and Col. Taylor and Mr. Bellamy, the tellers, were instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the meeting for the re-election of the following Board: Col. K. M. Murchison, Messrs. R. W. Wallace, N. Jacobi, J. C. Stevenson, J. A. Springer, W. B Cooper, Jno. F. McNair, A. B. Nichols, M. J. Corbett, T. M. Emerson, H. C. McQueen and J. V. Grainger. Subsequently the Board of Directors met and unanimously re-elected Mr. H. C. McQueen president, and Mr. J. V. Grainger cashier, of the bank.

The annual report of President McQueen, read at the meeting of the stockholders, was as follows;

To the Stockholders:

"Since your last annual meeting our new building has been completed and is not only commodious and comfortable, but is a credit to the city. We had to buy a large lot of ground to secure the location, but were fortunate enough to re-sell most of it. I cannot but feel that the investment was a wise one. The business of the bank has increased in the past year nearly 100 per cent. The increase of the capital to $300,000, with surplus of $100,000, makes the bank the strongest in Eastern North Carolina. The business of the bank is in a highly prosperous condition. Our officers and clerks have been faithful, and though the work is necessarily arduous, they perform their several duties cheerfully and are entitled to their share of the credit for our success. In a large business like this, where the work has to be systematized under different heads, much patience has to be exercised, and one of our cardinal rules is unfailing courtesy to all who have business here. I believe it is faithfully observed.

"While the progress of the bank has surpassed our expectations, we look forward hopefully to greater success, and I want to say to you stockholders that this is your bank, and your business and you can contribute to that greater success by giving it your support and your influence. If you fail to do so, you cannot reasonably expect it of others.

"The following figures show the progress of the bank since organization:

Deposits March 1st, 1899....$	222,000
December 31st, 1899.....	354,000
December 31st, 1900.....	433,000
December 31st, 1901.....	684,000
December 31st, 1902.....	1,243,000

The Atlantic National Bank.

The tenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank was held at noon, Mr. George R. French presiding and Mr. Andrew Moreland acting as secretary. A canvass showed that 807 out of 1,250 shares of stock were represented in person.

Mr. Jno. S. Armstrong, president of the bank, offered his report of the business year, ending Jan. 12th. It showed that the past twelve months had been the most prosperous in the history of the institution and that the net profits for the year amounted to $64,302.50 or 51.44 per cent. In addition to the cash dividend of $62,500, which was paid to stockholders in January 1902, the stockholders also received during the year other dividends amounting to $15,000. The bank added during the year $49,302.50 to undivided profits. The surplus of the bank was shown to amount to $166,030.75, all of which has been earned in its business, no part having been paid in. The bank has paid in dividends to stockholders since its organization in 1892, the sum of $148,750.

Upon completion of Mr. Armstrong's splendid report, the following Directors were unanimously re-elected: C. W. Yates, H. L. Vollers, R. A. Parsley, D. McEachern, Jno. S. Armstrong, Jas. H. Chadbourn, Wm. Calder, J. G. L. Gieschen, Geo. R. French, Gabriel Holmes, Matt J. Heyer, Wm. E. Worth, Andrew Moreland, H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, N. C.; and N. A. Hunt, of Charleston, S. C.

The Directors subsequently met, Mr. French presiding, and re-elected Mr. Jno. S. Armstrong president, Mr. Andrew Moreland cashier, and Mr. Jos. W. Yates, assistant cashier, of the bank. The Board also declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent, payable in installments of one per cent. on the first of each of the next ensuing months.

The Y. M. C. A. Flourishing.

The membership of the Y. M. C. A. now numbers 293, against 238 on Sept. 1st last year, or a gain of 65 members within the last few months. Secretary Dushan expects to increase the membership to 300 by the first of next month.

THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Number of Bills Introduced—Two Affecting New Hanover and Brunswick. Million Dollar State Prison.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 13.—Several important bills were introduced in the Legislature to-day. Among those in the Senate were: By Henderson to amend Section 832, of the Code, regarding summons issued by Justices of the Peace; by Woodward, to amend the law regarding seduction under promise of marriage; by Glenn, increasing the number of commissioners of Guilford; by Brown, to establish a State Prison Parole Commissions composed of the Governor, Attorney General and one citizen elected by the Legislature; by Baldwin, to allow all divorced persons to re-marry; by Godwin, to prevent fire insurance companies from combining to raise rates, requiring a yearly oath that such a trust has not been entered; by Baldwin, to amend Chapter 729, Laws of 1901; by Brown, to amend the pension law, giving those having less than $250 property $40, and widows and others having less than $500 and over $250, $20; by Justice, to provide a tax on amendments to charters; by Blow, to amend Chapter 341, Laws of 1901; by Woodard, to incorporate the Spring Hope Bank.

In the House, among the bills passed were: A resolution for State vote at noon; Senate bill to increase the number of Guilford commissioners; Senate bill to provide for cross-indexing executors, administrators and guardians. The Senate resolution forbidding members of the Legislature from seeking or accepting offices created by the Legislature, was defeated.

In the House Chairman Gattis announced the committees so that the body can now get down to work for the session.

The chairmen are as follows: Agriculture, Daughtridge; Banks and Banking, Smith; Claims, White, of Halfax; Constitutional Amendments, Davidson; Corporations, Robinson; Cities and Towns, Murphy; Education, Graham; Election Law, Stubbs; Engrossing Bills, Foy; Finance, Doughton; Federal Relations, McCall; Fish and Fisheries, Blount; Health, Crocker; Insane, Davidson; Deaf and Dumb, Whitaker, of Guilford; Internal Improvements, Brittain; Judiciary, Newland; Insurance, Drewry; Military Affairs, Fuller; Mines and Mining, Cowan; Oysters and Interests, Lucas; Pensions, Parker, of Halifax; Penal Institutions, Morton; Public Roads, Leper; Railroads, Abell; Salaries and Fees, Carr; Enrolled Bills, White, of Jones.

Notable bills introduced in the House were: By Morton, to repeal the stock law in Federal Point township; by Willis, to allow Bladen county to levy a special tax and build a jail; by Phillips, to restore self government to the people of Brunswick county; by Guion, to abolish the August term of Craven Superior Court; by Nissen, to continue and preserve the organization of the Kinston and Luen Southbound Railroad Co.; by Freeman, to amend Chapter 524 of the Laws of 1901, so as to eliminate both in case of challenge. This relates to the Mecklenburg primary law.

Bills passed final reading as follows: To repeal the dispensary law for Union county; resolution requesting the superintendent of the penitentiary to furnish information as to cost of buildings of the State prison, and their value, number of persons confined there, cost of caring for same, expense of taking care of buildings.

Speaking to the resolution Mr. Graham who introduced the bill, said he understood the prison cost nearly a million dollars, and not more than 100 persons were confined therein. This includes 46 criminal insane. At this time when the State was striving to raise revenue necessary for public expenditures it would seem poor business to keep a millon dollar residence for that number and class of people. The resolution was adopted.

A joint session of the Senate and House was held at noon to canvass the vote for State officers and to hear an address by Hon. G. R. Glenn, of Georgia, representing J. L. M. Curry, agent of the Peabody Educational fund. He congratulated the State on its splendid progress educationally.

BENEFIT, RED MEN'S ORPHANAGE.

To the Good People of Wilmington.

The Red Men of the State of North Carolina will hold a great bazaar in the City of Raleigh, N. C., commencing January 19th, lasting one week.

The purpose of this bazaar is to raise funds for the endowment of a Red Men's Orphanage Home to be established under the auspices of the order at some point in this State. The committee will appreciate any donation of merchandise or money you may see fit to give, and you may be assured that your generosity will be known to and appreciated by every Red Man in the State. Please send or leave your donation at Mr. J. M. Solky's store, on Front street, with Mr. C. R. Spooner. We will appreciate any kind of merchandise, such as shoes, hats, caps, pin cushions, napkins, towels, handkerchiefs, clothing of any kind, ladies orgents, jewelry of all kinds, hardware of all kinds, groceries of all kinds, fish and oysters, pickles, fruit of any kind, candies, cakes, tobacco, smoking or chewing, cigars, cheroots, snuff, and any kind of toilet goods you may see proper to give. This is a small item from you, but it means much to our poor little orphan children. You don't know when your little ones will be orphans. Life is uncertain. Death is certain. All who give any donations will please write their names on all packages; all donations will be shipped to Raleigh by the committee. Jan. 17th. 1903, at 7 P. M.

Yours in Freedom, Friendship and Charity.

W. H. LANE, Chairman
M. MARSHBURN,
J. B. COLEY,
J. C. WALTON,
J. A. DEAN,
FRANK LAFELLA,
B. F. KING,
Committee of Cherokee Tribe, No. 9, I. O. R. M.
J. A. Dean, Sec. and Treas. for Committee.

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Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Mary Brown, Ider Crowell, Annie Dudley, Mrs. C. F. Griffin, Judie Hayelett, Emma Horton, Martha James, Mrs. L. F. Long, Clardy Marine, Janie Russ, Mernervia Simmons, Janie Smith, Mrs. Stove, Mary C. Wales, Alice Williams, Eloise Williams.

MEN'S LIST.

S. P. Bardy, O. L. Brinkley, Allen Brockington, James Bronson, J. E. Bush, Jake Butler, Peter Capres, Blanehill J. Fennell, C. M. Funk, Church E. Gates, George Harrell, Thomas Hayward, G. N. Hurdle, Edward Lawrence, Sip Melet, Henry Murphy, A. J. Nelson, Dr. Oglesby, George Pierce, J. P. Pearce, Melzer Pearsall, Quartermaster at Shipyard, John W. Randall, E. B. Richards, W. K. Rippy, B. J. Robinson, Willie Robson, Clarence Rogers, M. B. Skiper, Oliver Smith, Edward R. Taylor, W. H. Thomas, J. C. Warken, D. H. Williffed, Alfred Woods, Frank Yopp, Walter Yopp.

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